



Major warns MPs on 10% inflation

Treasury says poll tax hits budget surplus

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND RODNEY LORD

JOHN Major warned Conservative MPs last night that inflation was likely to rise above ten per cent before it would begin to fall.

likely until autumn 1991 at the earliest. Conservative strategists are convinced that the party needs to regain its lead in the opinion polls and maintain the position for three or four months before an election campaign, if it is to be sure of success.

lion, compared with a net surplus of £700 million in the same three months of the previous year. According to the Treasury the £2.8 billion reversal was due largely to the effect of delays in collecting the poll tax, reflecting late issue of bills, delays caused by capping of authorities and non-payment.



Rescue battle: a student is lifted to safety by American Marines after the earthquake that devastated her college in Cabanatuan in the northern Philippines. The death toll nationally rose to more than 300. Report, page 10

Kaunda blames Bazoft death on Britain

By PETER VICTOR AND CHOLA CHIMBANO IN LUSAKA

PRESIDENT Kaunda of Zambia yesterday blamed the British government and press criticism of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq for the execution of Farzad Bazoft.

INSIDE Gloom over Irish talks

Irish and British ministers held further discussions yesterday to try to break the deadlock on inter-party talks for Northern Ireland but failed to make substantial progress.

Acts of God

Insurance rates which prevent accident victims being awarded compensation where the cause is deemed to be an "act of God" are to be challenged.

Schools' failure

Schools in Hackney, east London, are failing many of their children, a report says. Teachers do not support each other, are poorly dressed and unpunctual.

Buthlezi's call

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said in London yesterday that Britain should exert its continuing influence to bring about a Westminster-style democracy in South Africa.

BA ownership

British Airways is now 40 per cent owned by foreign investors, raising fears over its future standing as a British airline. Plans are being drawn up whereby some could be forced to disinvest if necessary.

Exam results

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CPS to be monitored by national watchdog

By RICHARD FORD AND STEWART TENDLER

A NATIONAL inspectorate is to be set up to monitor the consistency and quality of decisions taken by lawyers in the Crown Prosecution Service concentrating particularly on cases which are dropped, the government announced yesterday.

Kinnock finds common ground with Bush

From PHILIP WEBSTER IN WASHINGTON

NEIL Kinnock yesterday met President Bush in the White House and claimed to have a common agenda with the American government on key policies. He also spoke of the big differences in the way he had been received in Washington compared with 1987.

Kohl says Ridley has been punished enough

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

HELMUT Kohl, the West German Chancellor, had reassuring words for Nicholas Ridley and the British yesterday when he compared the former trade secretary's anti-German outburst with his own gaffe comparing Mikhail Gorbachev to the Nazi propaganda chief, Josef Goebbels.

Polish safeguard clears way to German unity

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

THE "two plus four" talks removed the final obstacle to the reunification of Germany later this year during a day of intensive discussions in Paris yesterday.

The VAT man eats humble pie at 29,000ft

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

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# North-south suspicions will dominate Ulster talks' progress

By EDWARD GORMAN  
IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE government's initiative on Northern Ireland envisages a "three tiered structure of talks" between two sovereign states and four political groupings.

The complex formula involves negotiations between the constitutional parties inside Northern Ireland, between the two governments and between Northern Ireland politicians and the Irish government.

Those who designed it believe it offers the best chance of broaching a solution to the problem of Northern Ireland which will command cross community support inside the province, and that of both interested governments.

Among its key strengths are that it addresses all the groups in the quarrel except those who have resorted to violence to achieve their political ambitions. The initiative cannot proceed at any stage if one contributor decides to stall or drop out.

Ultimately it envisages creation of a devolved administration in Belfast which

would initially have limited powers but which, it is hoped, would gradually assert itself and begin to wrest from Westminster many of the powers dispensed under direct rule. Alongside that administration would be a new Anglo-Irish agreement, reflecting the new political realities embodied by the settlement inside Northern Ireland.

Over the past month, the first serious threat to the initiative and the emergence of its weakest link have become apparent. The crisis over the precise timing and nature of Dublin's "interaction" with political leaders in Northern Ireland has stalled progress and, more worryingly, suggested that it may have the potential, in the long run if not immediately, to destroy the project.

Through a propitious combination of a general sense of goodwill, a new face at Stormont and the conclusion by unionist leaders that the era of street protest against the Anglo-Irish agreement has gone forever, party leaders have had little difficulty in embracing the prospect of talks inside Northern Ireland, even if they remain

deeply cynical about the chances for agreement on issues like power sharing or devolution.

Anglo-Irish talks between the two governments present no problem. They are almost continuous at official level and are regularly convened at ministerial level. The north-south dimension, however, has produced a classic contemporary reworking of the issue at the heart of the trouble. The Irish government and the Unionists have agreed in principle that they will talk to each other but their intentions and aims in doing so are in direct contradiction.

Dublin as a co-signatory to the Anglo-Irish agreement wants to play a full role in any negotiating process which replaces that agreement. It is sceptical about the chances for the initiative, but appears to have concluded that by participating it will have an opportunity to consolidate its gains under the present treaty. The Unionists are determined to use the process to restrict or even shut out Dublin from Northern Ireland and create a new agreement which reduces rather than expands the Irish

government's say in the province's affairs. In Dublin, Unionist intransigence over the timing of its intervention is taken as evidence that while the two Unionist leaders, James Molyneux and Ian Paisley, claim to have accepted the principle of a north-south dimension, they still cannot stomach it in reality.

In Northern Ireland, hardline Unionists and the considerable number of sceptics in that community interpret the dispute as the bitter fruit of the seed sown by the two governments in 1985 when they signed the Hillsborough Treaty allowing, in their view, Dublin to have its first foothold in Ulster on the path to a united Ireland.

This contradiction, an historical imperative in Irish politics, will continuously threaten the initiative. The management of it by Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, his ability to play off Irish ambitions in the area of power-sharing and possibly an institutionalised north-south forum against Unionist fears, will be decisive in determining the eventual outcome. If a formula is found to solve the

present difficulties, it is likely to arise in different forms over the months ahead. There is likely to be further drama over the practical arrangements for north-south contacts, over the location, the agenda and the composition of delegations. It is possible too that the first north-south meeting will have an explosive impact on talks in train between the parties in Belfast.

Unionists can also be expected to display the increasing insecurity of politicians who will feel that the Dublin dimension is coming at them from all sides; from Social Democratic and Labour Party politicians, through Mr Brooke, and through Irish ministers.

Already the "Brooke initiative", though presently in serious difficulty, has progressed further than expected through a readiness on all sides to soften positions and to accept compromise formulae — the best example being the settlement on the Anglo-Irish secretariat at Maryfield. More of the same will be required if Mr Brooke is to overcome the north-south obstacles that lie ahead.

## Pit union may sue IMO for Soviet donations

By DAVID YOUNG

THE National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) is expected to approve the appointment of an international legal consultant at its executive meeting tomorrow which could result in the union suing an organisation led by its own president, Arthur Scargill.

A four man delegation from the NUM has asked Gavin Lightman, QC, the barrister who conducted an official enquiry into allegations of financial irregularities at the union during the 1984-85 miners' strike, to advise on how the union can win access to bank accounts held by the Paris-based International Miners' Organisation (IMO).

Mr Scargill is president of the NUM and the IMO, an organisation he helped form, but he has said that the NUM should have no access to the IMO accounts. Mr Scargill has said that money in the accounts was given to the IMO for international use and that cash raised by miners in the Soviet Union to aid British miners was spent on such aid.

Many in the union believe that up to £1.8 million is held in IMO accounts in Vienna and Dublin and that the money was donated by miners in the Soviet Union to provide aid to British colleagues during the strike.

The delegation, made up of Henry Richardson of Nottinghamshire, George Rees of South Wales, Gordon Butler from Derbyshire and Idwal Morgan of the Cokemans branch, will report tomorrow to the full executive.

The union may have to take action in Paris courts to win access to the IMO accounts. The executive is expected to adopt the critical report on the union's financial affairs prepared by Mr Lightman.

Issues raised in the report, such as the provision of loans to Mr Scargill and other union officials for house purchase and house renovation during the strike, are causing concern among other trade unionists and the TUC is expected to order its own investigation.

The government-appointed certification officer, the independent watchdog for union affairs, has already intervened in the dispute. Matthew Wake, the certification officer, is looking at a possible breach of the 1974 Trade Union and Labour Relations Act in the way the union set up bank accounts to collect money during the strike.

## Big rise in female lung cancer

LUNG cancer largely due to smoking is increasing among women, according to official statistics published yesterday (Thomson Prentice writes).

The disease became almost 30 per cent more prevalent among females between the mid-1970s and 1985. In some areas it has overtaken breast tumours as the most common cancer in women.

The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys said that in 1985 lung cancer affected 10 per cent of all women registered as cancer sufferers. More than 90 per cent of lung cancers are known to be caused by smoking. The disease causes about 10,000 deaths a year among women.

## Libel damages

Lord Rothermere accepted undisclosed libel damages from publishers Hamish Hamilton Ltd in the High Court yesterday over suggestions that he was too aristocratic to get on with Lord Matthews, the former Daily Express chief executive, who was once a Brixton bricklayer.

## Prison changes

Prisons for young offenders at Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, Morpeth, in Northumberland, and Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire, are to be redesignated as adult jails in an attempt to reduce prison overcrowding.

## Decision due

The Court of Appeal is due to rule tomorrow on an application by Lord Aldington for an order requiring Count Nikolai Tolstoy to put up £188,000 security for costs before he appeals against the £1.5 million damages awarded to Lord Aldington over a pamphlet branding him a war criminal.

## Space monacle

British astronomers are designing a "monacle" for the Hubble space telescope to cure problems in focusing on distant stars and the edges of the universe.

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## Pay warning for managers over health waiting lists

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

HEALTH Service managers will be financially penalised if they fail to reduce unacceptable hospital waiting times within the next 12 months. Mr Duncan Nichol, NHS chief executive, said yesterday.

His comments at a Department of Health conference attended by 500 NHS managers came as Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, revealed that although large parts of the community care reforms are to be postponed, the plan to allocate a specific grant for mentally ill people would still go ahead next April. Further details are expected to be announced today by Kenneth Clarke, the health secretary, in a Commons statement.

Mr Nichol said 220,000 patients were now waiting over a year for hospital treatment and 86,000 over two years. "This is simply not acceptable and the Management Executive's key task for managers is to reduce waiting times," he said. He made it

clear that neither the government nor patients would accept excuses from managers who fail to cut their waiting times or those who insisted that times would increase because of the need to reduce services to balance their books.

Failure or successes in cutting times would be reflected in managers' performance-related pay, Mr Nichol said. At present managers can earn between £20-£52,000 basic pay to which a further 20 per cent can be added over five years in performance-related pay.

Under the Health Service reforms districts will be able to specify maximum waiting times in the new contracts they draw up with hospitals. Mr Nichol gave examples of some NHS Trust applications where rigorous standards had already been stipulated. One hospital claimed it would treat all urgent cases within two weeks and all priority cases within three weeks. No patient would be kept waiting for any treatment for more than 12 months, according to the application. The drive to tackle waiting times would not be discretionary said Mr Nichol. "I want to see a substantial reduction in the lengthy waiting times within a year. We are saying get a grip on waiting lists. It can be done."

## BMA starts anti-reform campaign

THE British Medical Association yesterday launched its summer offensive against National Health Service reforms (Jill Sherman writes).

Doctors in Brighton, Barnstaple and Leeds gave details of local campaigns to fight applications for NHS Trust status. Campaign T-shirts bear the new slogan: "People lose out if our hospitals opt out."

Kenneth Clarke, the health secretary, said: "I don't expect this year's offensive to be as offensive as the last one."

## Debt rises by £2.6bn as councils raid their reserves

By DOUGLAS BROOM  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL authority treasurers were last night trying to explain how they had added £2.6 billion to public sector debt last month without actually borrowing more than a fraction of that sum on the money markets.

Local authority leaders who demanded to know why they were being blamed by the government for upsetting its economic strategy were told that only a few million pounds had actually been raised on the open market by councils.

Most of the local authority borrowing figure in yesterday's Treasury statement was made up of withdrawals from council coffers. Because local authorities lose interest when they draw on their reserves, the Treasury regards it as new borrowing.

Reserves have been raided to cover a cash flow crisis caused by the fact that poll tax and business rate payments have come in more slowly than income under the old rating system. Treasurers rejected suggestions that an anti-poll tax revolt was to blame for the shortfall, preferring the more prosaic explanation that individuals and businesses alike were now all entitled to pay by ten monthly instalments. Under the old rating system only individuals with bank accounts could pay in this way, and most businesses had to pay in full on April 1.

Even though some councillors clearly had difficulty grasping the distinction between borrowing and taking money from reserves, the explanation offered by the local authorities on this point was immediately accepted by the Treasury. A spokesman said, however: "The fact is that this does represent a significant shortfall in community charge income. There is no getting round that."

Although the Treasury made no allegations about the slow collection of the poll tax, the All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation was quick to claim that a popular revolt against the poll tax lay behind the increased borrowing figures.

Sieve Nally, secretary of the All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation, said last night that local authorities in England and Wales had been forced to borrow £1.64 billion in April to make up the shortfall in their collection of community charges. He said his figure had been provided by the office of Dave Nellist, Labour MP for Coventry South East.

"Our campaign has succeeded. There has been mass non-payment. A lot of local authorities have been forced to borrow far more than they would have expected to at this time of the year. Millions of people cannot afford to pay and the government is facing real problems on this."

His assertion contrasts sharply with surveys of poll tax payment rates undertaken in recent weeks, including studies by the environment department, the Conservative controlled Association of District Councils (ADC), and The Times. All found that more than three-quarters of adults in England were paying the poll tax and that borrowing was at a comparatively low level.

Martin Pilgrim, financial secretary to the Labour controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said the current cash flow problems were almost entirely due to the ten-monthly payment system. His view was supported by the environment department, which said that it expected the level of local authority borrowing to fall back as the money flowed in.

Roy Thomson, chairman of the ADC, said that, far from deserving criticism, local authorities should be praised by the Treasury for having successfully introduced a major change in the financing of local government.



## Police stun crew in £6m drugs seizure

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

Eleven men were being questioned by Customs investigators last night after police used a stun grenade to subjugate the armed crew of a cabin cruiser smuggling a multi-million pound cargo of amphetamine sulphate into Britain from The Netherlands.

Sixty kilograms (27lb) of the drug, worth between £6 million and £10 million, was seized at the end of a nine-month investigation. The seizure is the largest amount of the drug, which is thought to be the second largest illicit drug of abuse after cannabis, found in Britain; it is three times greater than the entire seizure of amphetamines made by Customs last year. A second large consignment is reported to have been seized by Dutch investigators.

The stun grenade, similar to those used by the SAS to end the siege at the Iranian embassy in London ten years ago, was thrown as armed police and Customs officers closed in on the motor cruiser Merulius. The vessel was moored at a boat club near Kingsferry Bridge, at Sheerness, Kent, after having sailed from

Viessengen, in The Netherlands, on Friday.

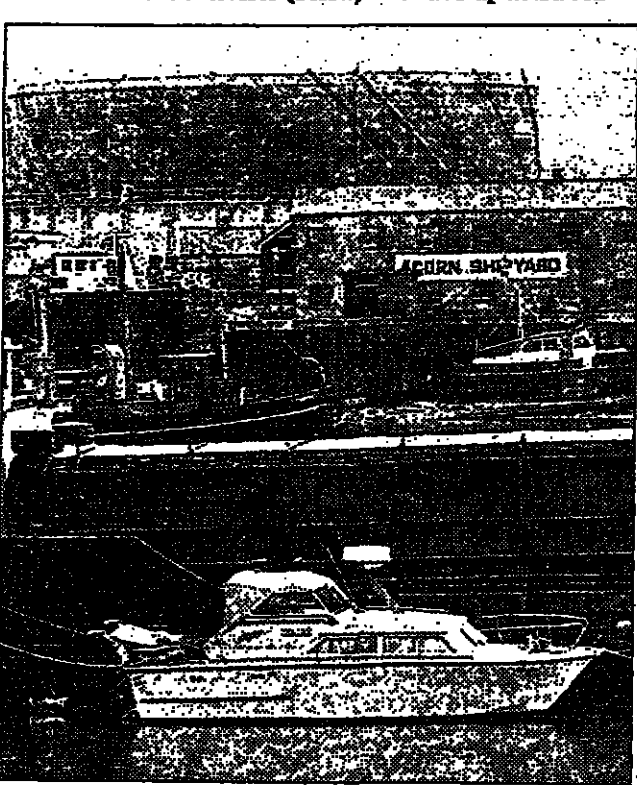
Five men were arrested at the mooring and six more in London in a case code-named Operation Tributary. British Customs officers worked with their Dutch and French counterparts during investigations, which have intensified over the past three months.

A trio of Customs cutters shadowed the cruiser as it sailed last Friday. At one stage the cruiser ran out of fuel in a river estuary and had to be refloated from a sandbank by its crew.

A team of more than 50 police and Customs officers began moving into place at Sheerness over the weekend. They watched as the cruiser arrived and drugs were unloaded into a van. The reception party could see weapons, and the decision was taken to throw the stun grenade to prevent any reaction as the investigators closed in.

But after the grenade flashed into the night sky the crew hesitated for some time before agreeing to give themselves up. Police urged them to surrender, promising that

Police divers searching the mud at Sheerness, Kent, after a raid on a cabin cruiser (below) later tied up at Strood



they would not be harmed. Mick Frome, owner of a local snack bar, watched the raid near midnight on Monday as the crew unpacked the drugs into a van.

"There was a helicopter hovering above with its searchlight scanning the area,"

he said. "I heard the police with a loud-hailer saying, 'Put down your weapons — you are surrounded by armed police'."

"He must have said that 20 times over a period of about half an hour. The men obviously didn't surrender straight away," he said.

## Experts for every eventuality

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

MARGARET Thatcher reaches for professors and think tanks as other people might pluck dictionaries from their shelves. Presented with a problem or intrigued by an idea, her reaction is to ask associates: "Do you know a good academic on that?" It is one reason why the problem of her period in government has been more a surfeit of ideas than a lack of them.

The summoning of a cluster of professors and commentators to the Chequers session on Germany which forced her on the defensive in the Commons yesterday was entirely consistent with her style as prime minister. She wished to be well prepared for the then forthcoming Knights-winter conference and meeting with Chancellor Kohl.

She likes to obtain briefings outside the civil service machine and she relishes advice from those free from party or government constraints. That is one reason why she called in Professor Sir Alan Walters as an alternative channel of advice on economics and why she set up the Number Ten policy unit currently headed by Professor Brian Griffiths and usually including a range of skills and experience such as management consultants, lawyers and industrialists as well as pure academics.

She makes vigorous use too

of the leading right wing think tanks whose main personnel flit in and out of party positions and Number Ten. A key figure in that world is David Willetts, director of studies at the Centre for Policy Studies, an organisation set up in 1974 by Sir Keith Joseph with a certain Margaret Thatcher as the first vice-chairman.

Typically in the world of Thatcher advisers, David Willetts, one of her morning briefers at the last election, had worked in the Treasury as private secretary to Nicholas Ridley and Nigel Lawson and was later sought as director of the Conservative Research Department. Robin Harris, who was an adviser in the Home Office and at the Tre-

sury, did become director of research at Central Office before joining the policy unit at Number Ten. Others whose ideas tend to get through to the Prime Minister's in-tray include Graham Mather, who once headed the policy unit at the Institute of Directors and who now directs the Institute of Economic Affairs.

The German seminar was not a one-off affair, although such sessions are rare on foreign policy issues. Mrs Thatcher likes to get the flavour of an issue by tackling the issues with those directly concerned in the field. Thus when the Broadcasting Bill was in preparation she had in programme-makers and industry chiefs to Number Ten. When her interest was caught

by the film industry, she summoned the likes of Sir Richard Attenborough, Lord Brabourne and David Puttnam. Perhaps the nearest equivalent to the German seminar was a Chequers weekend on the problems of church and state to which a number of bishops and church thinkers were invited.

One Downing Street insider said: "She has a taste for proper research which dates back to her training as a scientist." It is on scientific issues that she employs the seminar technique most enthusiastically.

She likes to keep in contact with scientific minds by chairing meetings of the advisory committee on science and technology and she laid on a special seminar at Number Ten in April of last year attended by ministers and leading scientists including Martin Holgate, the former chief scientific officer who is now chairman of the international Union for the Conservation of Nature. It was not a decision-making meeting, she told her colleagues as they arrived but a meeting designed to establish the facts as a basis for future policy-making.



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# Child offence arrest alerts murder hunt detectives

By PETER DAVENPORT

DETECTIVES investigating the unsolved murders of three young girls over the past eight years were yesterday checking the movements of a man arrested in connection with another offence involving a child.

The man was being held in Saughton prison, Edinburgh, last night following his arrest at the weekend. Similarities between the latest incident involving a young girl and the earlier murders caused detectives working on the unsolved enquiries to be alerted.

Hector Clark, deputy chief constable of Lothian and Borders police, is in overall charge of the triple enquiries hoping to establish common links between the murders of Susan Maxwell, aged 11, Caroline Hogg, aged five and Sarah Harper, aged 10.

A police spokesman said yesterday: "A man arrested in connection with a separate offence is now the subject of enquiries in connection with the three unsolved child murders." Detectives are checking the man's movements on the dates the three girls disappeared before questioning him in detail about the murders.

Detective Superintendent John Stainthorpe, of West Yorkshire police, who controls the day-to-day investigation into the death of Sarah Harper, said yesterday he would be travelling to Edinburgh to question the man. "I have been in touch with the Scottish police on a number of occasions about this particular enquiry, and certainly we will be looking at this man very closely. It looks interesting and we will be checking him out thoroughly."

The deaths of the three girls led to the largest ever computerised murder hunt in this country, with a special child murder bureau established at Bradford police station to

collate information from six forces onto a common computer base.

The work took 18 months and, at its height, involved 38 officers and 24 civilian typists operating 50 computer screens inputting the details of 185,651 people who had figured in the investigations, 53,024 actions initiated as a result and every word of 57,470 statements. West Yorkshire was chosen as the location for the bureau because of its computer skills and because it was investigating the latest murder.

Since it was criticised in the aftermath of the Yorkshire Ripper enquiry for its laborious manual techniques, the force has become skilled at the use of modern technology.

It is understood the name of the man being held in Edinburgh does not appear in the computer files.

The murder victims were: ● Susan Maxwell, aged 11, abducted near Coldstream in the Borders on Friday July 30 1982, whose body was found off a lay-by near Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.

● Caroline Hogg, aged five, of Portobello, Edinburgh, abducted on Friday July 8 1983, whose body was found off a lay-by near Twycross, Leicestershire, 10 days later.

● Sarah Harper, aged 10, abducted from near her home at Morley, Leeds, on Wednesday March 26 1986, whose body was found in the Trent at Wilford, Nottinghamshire, the next month.

Even now police are unable to say for certain whether the deaths are the work of a single killer or different murderers. After such a time lapse, many senior officers had been taking the view that their best chance of solving the three cases would be the capture of the offender during the commission of another crime.



Murdered schoolgirls: Caroline Hogg, aged five; Susan Maxwell, aged 11; Sarah Harper, aged 10.

## Insurance policies' act of God exclusion challenged

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE insurance industry's rules which prevent accident victims being awarded compensation where the cause is deemed to be an act of God are to be challenged before the European Commission of Human Rights.

A test case is to be brought before the commission by Justice, the all-party law reform group, involving a man aged 21, who was paralysed from the chest down after a tree fell on his van windshield and he hit a lamp post in storms last December.

Mark Chapman, who ran deliveries for a pet shop in Barking, is in Stoke Mandeville hospital and his family does not have the necessary money to convert their home to cope with his disability.

Peter Ashman, legal officer of Justice, said: "Although his employers had full car insurance and employer's liability insurance, he is not covered because this was said to be an act of God."

The Chapman accident is the second of its kind recently raised with Justice and which has prompted the group to take up the issue with the European Commission as a

potential breach of the European Convention on Human Rights. At the same time as bringing the test case, the group of lawyers and judges is calling for a no-fault compensation scheme in road traffic cases as recommended by the Pearson Commission in its report in 1974 on personal injuries.

The other case handled by Justice last year involved a middle aged couple, the Sandles, who were walking in Clacton in September 1989 when a driver had a heart attack, died at the steering wheel of his car and hit them. They were both in hospital for several weeks.

Mr Sandles had to give up work as a ship's cook. They were told that the accident was an act of God and that they could not sue the driver's estate, but the insurers eventually settled.

Mr Ashman said: "We made it known that we would bring a test case under the convention to challenge the adequacy of existing statutory insurance provisions." As a result, he said, the Association of British Insurers asked its member to reconsider the

claim and settle. Mr Ashman said these two cases were the tip of the iceberg. There were many traffic accidents where people were injured but could not win any compensation because they could not prove negligence against any one person. "There was a recent case of two women who were walking by a road at night and a car hit them and one of them was killed. The driver said he did not see them. They were unable to sue."

Some 20 per cent of victims of traffic accidents are estimated not to receive compensation and could all benefit under a no fault scheme. Funding of a scheme could be by a levy on petrol or on insurance premiums. Mr Ashman said: "It would not be expensive to run, when you have taken out all the costs which currently go on litigation."

There were fears that comprehensive insurance would benefit drunk or negligent drivers. "Under other no fault schemes, there is the concept of contributory negligence so that a driver who is responsible through drunkenness or negligence will lose some if not all of the award."

The hearing was adjourned until today.

## Cell visits urged for judges

ALL crown court judges should spend up to three days a year visiting prisoners in their cells, the Howard League says today in its response to the government's green paper, *Crime, Justice and Protecting the Public* (Frances Gibb writes).

Frances Crook, the league's director, said: "Instead of just standing there with their wigs on, judges should go and see for themselves. We do not want to be prescriptive and force them to spend the night there, but it would be the best way for people in their position to see how awful our prisons are."

Judge Pickles said he would be happy to spend the night in solitary confinement.

## Cornwall loses its native language GCSE

By ALAN HAMILTON

NATIONALIST pride west of the Tamar has been dealt a blow by the unfeeling English. After next year it will no longer be possible for schoolchildren to sit for a GCSE in Cornish.

However, the examination in the ancient Celtic language has been cancelled from lack of interest. This year four pupils offered themselves for the paper and last year there were only two, leading the Guildford-based Southern Examining Group to announce its intention of abandoning it, along with certain other academic disciplines.

Only a few hundred Cornishmen speak the antique tongue fluently and about 2,000 more have a passing acquaintance with it, although numbers are said to be growing. The Cornish Language Board, a voluntary body which promotes the cause, declared itself saddened by the decision and said it had approached the Welsh Examining Group in the hope that it might take a more sympathetic view of arranging and setting a GCSE paper.

Wella Brown, the board's general secretary, whose name would be William were he to live anywhere else, said yesterday that his organisation would continue to offer its own examination in Cornish, for which there were about 60 entrants, mainly adults, this year. "Ten primary and three secondary schools in Cornwall now teach the language, he said.

According to legend, the last native Cornish speaker was Dolly Pentreath, a Mousehole fishwife who died in 1777. The tongue was revived in the 1930s using its modest body of preserved literature, which includes several miracle plays and some long epic poetry. Pronunciation involves a certain amount of guesswork, the only guidance being words in the related languages of Welsh and Breton.

How the language should be spoken and written arouses passions. Linguists are sharply divided between native Cornish, unified Cornish and phonemic Cornish, and whether it should be spelt using a system devised in the 1930s or a modern updated version. Last year the language board was awarded £6,000, the first instalment of a three-year grant from the EC, to produce an up-to-date Cornish-English dictionary. Mr Brown remains hopeful that the exam decision will not silence the ancient tongue. "Kernewek a vev," he said yesterday. Cornish will survive.

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## Funding switch to regions worries arts companies

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

ARTS companies are protesting at a switch from national to regional funding announced yesterday by Richard Luce, the arts minister.

Ten regional arts boards with increased financial autonomy will be created to replace the 12 existing associations under the minister's proposals. Groups denied central funding by the Arts Council fear that they will be regarded as less important.

John Willan, administrator of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, said: "Arts bodies moved from the central body to a new regional one are bound to think of themselves as second best."

The orchestra is at present funded by the Arts Council and is due to take residency at the South Bank arts centre. Under Mr Luce's proposals, outlined at the national conference of the Council of Regional Arts Associations, funding would be devolved to the newly constituted Greater London Arts Board. Mr

Willan said: "There are grave doubts that the board would be able to cope. We are in the process of finding a musical director for our residency, and if we're going to come under the local funding body that is bound to affect the kind of person we can attract."

The minister said that all regionally based arts organisations should be devolved to regional arts boards. The criteria should be "objective rather than dependent on assessment of quality or national and international standing". Once those criteria had been established, the clients to be retained by the Arts Council would identify themselves automatically, he said.

This year the Arts Council is giving £175 million to 160 bodies, rising to £190 million in 1992.

The Bristol Old Vic, England's first subsidised theatre, is anxious about the relationship between the new South West Arts Board and the local authorities. Mark

Everett, the executive director, said: "We want to know that we're going to get the same quality of service, that we'll still be able to get the overall advice on matters of funding we could get from the central Arts Council."

The Bristol Old Vic is getting £500,000 from the Arts Council and £290,000 from Avon and Bristol local authorities this year. "We want to be talked about still in terms of British theatre, not as the best theatre in Bristol, Avon, or even the southwest. The present arts association does not enjoy the partnership with local authorities other associations do," he said.

The Royal Opera House, the Royal National Theatre, the Royal Shakespeare Company, the South Bank Centre and the English National Opera are expected to remain as direct clients of the Arts Council, with about 20 others including touring companies such as Opera North and the biggest ballet companies.

## Gang jailed after police ambush

THREE professional robbers who were ambushed by armed police as they launched a raid on the home of one of the richest men in the world were jailed by the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

The three men, including a former British soldier, aimed to escape with valuables worth thousands of pounds from the Surrey home of Sheikh Hamdan al-Maktoum, a leading race horse owner.

The police, acting on a tip-off, surrounded Windlesham House, near Sunningdale, and arrested the gang as they marched up the driveway wearing masks and carrying handcuffs and tape. David

Stewart, aged 24, and Barrington Lee, aged 23, were each jailed for 10 years. Geoffrey White, aged 27, who served for six years with the Royal Engineers, was jailed for nine years.

Stewart, of Argyle Road, Tottenham, north London, Lee, of Hood Avenue, Southgate, north London, and White of Luton, Bedfordshire, were found guilty of conspiracy to rob.

The judge, Mr Recorder Brian Higgs, QC, who described White as a thoroughly dangerous man, said: "Professional criminals like you must realise that if you go in for this kind of activity you

will receive heavy and condign sentences."

Stewart, the court was told, was on the run at the time of the attempted robbery. He is presently serving a nine year prison sentence for plotting to rob a post office van of £70,000.

Miss Joanna Korner, for the prosecution, said that as the raiders moved in on the house, police switched on powerful air lights, catching the gang in the glare. The raiders tried to escape but White and Stewart bumped into each other and fell over.

The judge praised the police for arresting the gang without having to fire a shot.

## Father wins order for child to stay in Israel

From OUR CORRESPONDENT IN JERUSALEM

A DISTRICT court judge yesterday ordered that Lindsay Rhein, aged four, should remain in Israel until further hearings are held in her parents' fight for custody.

The order was issued by Yehoshua Hoummer, a Tel Aviv district court judge, at the request of Stewart Rhein, the American father of the child. In another Tel Aviv court Aryeh Siegelson, a district court judge, responded to Mr Rhein's appeal against his arrest. The judge ordered that the film producer be freed from jail and placed under house arrest until there was notification from Britain as to whether extradition would be sought.

Mr Rhein was arrested in Tel Aviv last week at the request of British police, who said he was suspected of kidnapping Lindsay in Lon-

don on June 24. Police reports said three men hired by Mr Rhein allegedly overwhelmed his estranged wife, Jill, with tear gas and abducted the child.

The couple have been fighting for custody of Lindsay since their separation in 1988. The girl is in the custody of social workers in Tel Aviv and her mother has been granted access.

The judge said the prosecution failed to prove its claim that Mr Rhein should be kept in custody "because he is violent, and could do bodily harm to the girl and her mother if he is freed". He also rejected the submission that keeping Mr Rhein in jail was the only way that Israel could ensure he would be extradited, if the Home Office made that request. Israel has an extradition treaty with Britain.

The order placing Mr Rhein under house arrest is not to be carried out for 48 hours, so that prosecutors have time to appeal. Mr Siegelson also ordered Mr Rhein, aged 50, to post bail of 50,000 shekels (£12,500) and to hand over his passport to police. The film producer has been banned from contacting his wife and daughter.

Mr Rhein has complained that Britain is being unfair to him. "The British are conducting a vendetta against me and my daughter. It has been a gross miscarriage of justice," he told reporters after yesterday's hearing.

Lindsay holds both American and British passports, as her mother is a British citizen. A British court gave Mr Rhein temporary custody of the child in 1988, a decision Mr Rhein rejects.



Jill Rhein talking to a Scotland Yard officer after a Tel Aviv judge said her daughter must stay in Israel

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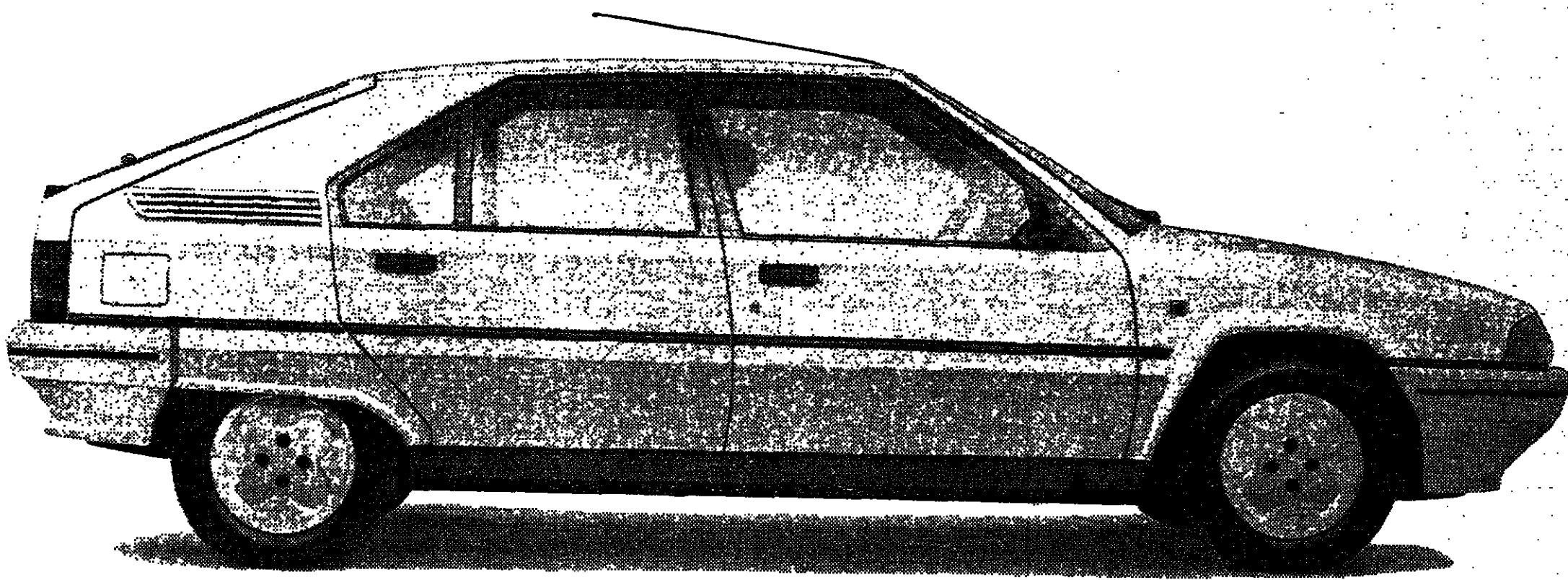
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# Imbert forecasts a national police network after a decade



Sir Peter: believes in benefits of local policing

By STEWART TENDLER  
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

CREATION of a national police force for Britain will be under serious discussion within ten years and there will be some form of countrywide system early in the next century, according to Sir Peter Imbert, commissioner of the Metropolitan police.

After three years as the most powerful operational police officer in Britain, Sir Peter forecast the national force could come from the increasing pressures of growing closer to the rest of Europe in the 1990s. Those pressures should also bring a serious debate in Britain about the use of investigating magistrates to oversee police work.

Outside the criminal justice system there were also questions over standards of behaviour within the community. Children should be taught responsibility as well as rights, and citizenship should be on the school curriculum, he said.

Sir Peter speculated on policing in 2000 and the potential for national action. He said: "I think we will be looking at a national force. We are a small island. I think it is going to come and I think it is going to come for the good of the community generally." One of the driving forces will be pressure on the police for greater value for

money and effectiveness but questions of finance and accountability will have to be solved.

"We should not be afraid to examine alternatives to the present system. I have my own dilemma about this because I believe in local policing," Sir Peter said. "We should not be complacent and say this is the only system that will work but my one caveat is there must be local policing to respond to local needs. It might not suffer because the larger a police force the more autonomy local commanders can sometimes achieve as headquarters staff concentrate on general policy."

He did not want to see a sudden rush towards a national force propelled by a crisis. Last year he advocated creation of an anglicised FBI to cover national

serious crime. The idea has been turned into a restructuring of the existing regional crime squads. Sir Peter said he was hopeful this was a step towards his original concept.

He produced his FBI idea during a national lecture almost a year ago. Asked what he would talk about if the invitation had been repeated this year Sir Peter said: "Something has got to be stated about evidence and evidence gathering and the police approach to the criminal justice system."

It was time to examine the advantages and disadvantages of the French system of investigating magistrates, Sir Peter said he was not advocating the system but suggesting the debate. One reason was greater harmonisation of legal processes across Europe and a second lay in the criticism of the

police aroused by cases like the Guildford four.

An examining magistrate or advocate would look at the police case once charges had been brought and he or she could look at the case as it developed, urging police to take extra statements or follow up questioning.

Sir Peter said investigating magistrates could be as subjective about "hot suspects" as police were sometimes said to be in Britain. The commissioner said he felt it was right for police cases to be examined rigorously before going before a jury by an independent authority, but questioned whether an investigating magistrate could be called independent.

Sir Peter's period as commissioner has seen a growing debate nationwide about the nature of

policing and its improvement. He said an officer class, based on ex-military officers could be created but it would be the present system of fast promotion for high fliers by another name.

The introduction of an officer class would result in a drop of the high calibre of ordinary recruits, of which a third have at least three A levels, he said. If Sir Peter was dubious at the prospect of an officer class he accepted the idea of service contracts for senior officers. "We as senior officers have got no more right to lifetime appointments as anyone in industry. If the only sound to come from this office is the sound of my pen then it is time my contract came to an end," he said.

Much of the criticism of the police came from a society which

was more questioning than ever before. The police record of achievement was better than recognised with substantial increases in officers on the beat in the past few years. The number of cases cleared last year in London was greater than the total number of crimes reported 30 years ago when Scotland Yard did not have to devote 1,000 officers to Special Branch, drug squads, protection duties and other specialist detective work.

Corruption had dropped and Sir Peter said: "I think the police service is cleaner than it has been for decades." He said racism was being countered and last week the number of police officers from ethnic backgrounds reached 450 in London.

The public was not free from criticism. "There is a carefree attitude towards crime. I believe we have abdicated our duty to stand up and condemn the criminal." The general lack of concern in society could be seen by the spread of litter in Hyde Park.

Scotland Yard is looking at ways of helping schools to teach children citizenship. Unless parents and adults demand something is done in schools and provide help nothing will happen.

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## Examining judges play key part in French system

THE *juges d'instruction*, or examining magistrates, are the key people in the French criminal justice system. They have extensive powers to make enquiries and question witnesses, and prepare the case and supervise the police investigation (Frances Gibb writes).

They then decide if there is sufficient evidence for the case to go before a trial court, and will decide whether the defendant should be released. If the defendant is held in custody, the magistrate will monitor his treatment before the trial. The "instruction", a secret and inquisitorial proceeding, is designed to provide a more thorough examination of the case than would be possible in open court.

Although examining magistrates have no power to make a final decision

or to impose a sentence their view of the defendant can have a bearing on the trial. Magistrates, who work with the help of a clerk, question the defendant and witnesses and try to bring other evidence to light.

A magistrate may decide to visit the scene of the crime and order specific enquiries such as an autopsy, forensic science reports, or the seizure of evidence, and can even interrogate witnesses at the scene. However, magistrates, who are often very young, usually issue a general enquiry commission, requiring police to take all necessary steps to establish the truth. The magistrates are supposed to be independent from the government and the prosecution, but in practice they work closely with the latter.

## Prosecution service lawyers will be closely monitored

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A NATIONAL inspectorate is to be set up to monitor the consistency and quality of decisions taken by lawyers in the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), particularly those involving the dropping of cases.

The inspectorate's task will sample decisions on cases and its director and staff will make regular checks of the service's work. However, the government said yesterday that it would not be practical to carry out a review of each decision taken at court to drop charges as 134,305 cases were discontinued last year.

In its reply to a home affairs select committee investigation into the service, the government says a number of other proposals to improve the CPS operation are being considered. The select committee's report earlier this year made 58 recommendations to improve the running of the service, and particularly to

advance communications with the police.

Sir John Wheeler, chairman of the select committee, welcomed the response from the government as very positive. He admitted that problems involving relationships between the service and 43 police forces had to be resolved.

He said: "The CPS is a national prosecution service but there is no national police service. A national organisation has to forge a relationship with 43 services. That is one of the problems with our Victorian police structure."

As part of an attempt to improve relations between the service and police, the government is backing training to familiarise the service and the police with each other's work.

The government rejects calls for the prosecution of summary offences to be returned to the police as a retrograde step. It dismisses as

inappropriate the option of police undertaking a private prosecution if the two organisations disagreed on whether to bring a prosecution in a particular case. "If in the end the CPS takes a contrary view, that will prevail," the government says.

It also rejects the idea of allowing the police to combine a caution with some sort of penalty. It says new guidance expected to be published shortly by the Home Office will establish national standards for cautioning with a presumption that it be considered for all age groups.

In an attempt to minimise the number of occasions on which the Crown Prosecution Service is late in preparing cases for court, the government emphasises the importance of the submission of good quality police files to the service and says it will consider the feasibility of mandatory time limits for each stage of the prosecution process.

It accepts in principle that the service should have a single officer responsible for a case throughout and says it is highly desirable that every crown court should have a sufficiently senior CPS officer in attendance. There should also be a clearly identified police officer who is in charge of investigating a case liaising with a clearly identified CPS lawyer.

The government says: "Both organisations need to think through the implications of this specific proposal, to assess the changes which it would require in existing arrangements... and whether or not they are practical and in the best interests of overall value for money in the criminal justice system."

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## Guinness evidence draws to a close

THE Guinness trial reached a milestone yesterday when the jury was told that it would hear no further evidence concerning the allegations over the £2.7 billion takeover of Distillers.

The evidence of Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman and chief executive, came to a close yesterday and his three co-defendants chose not to go into the witness box or to call evidence.

The trial at Southwark Crown Court has sat for 90 days, 78 with the jury. Mr Saunders, Gerald Ronson, head of the Heron Corporation, Anthony Parnes, a stockbroker, and the financier Sir Jack Lyons variously deny 24 counts including theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act.

It is alleged that an illegal share support operation was mounted in 1986 to ensure that the Guinness bid for Distillers succeeded, with success fees and indemnities being paid to those who backed Guinness.

The jury was told that a government enquiry into the takeover was launched in December 1986. Mr Saunders was dismissed from his £350,000-a-year post the following month after the former company finance director Olivier Roux, the prosecution's main witness, alleged that Mr Saunders had been involved in illegal transactions. An auditors report had also outlined areas of

concern over the bid. Mr Saunders' defence was opened on June 5 and, after giving evidence himself for five weeks, nine witnesses were called to support him.

After his case was closed, counsel for his co-defendants closed their clients' cases.

Mr Michael Sheppard, QC, for Mr Ronson, said: "Mr Ronson relies on the evidence he gave on oath to the Department of Trade inspectors as long as three years ago and accordingly he does not propose to give evidence or call any witnesses."

The Crown called 50 witnesses during 53 days of evidence.

The judge Mr Justice Henry told the jurors that the trial had reached a milestone. The jury has been told that it will not be required in court until next Wednesday. The court will sit again tomorrow to hear legal submissions.

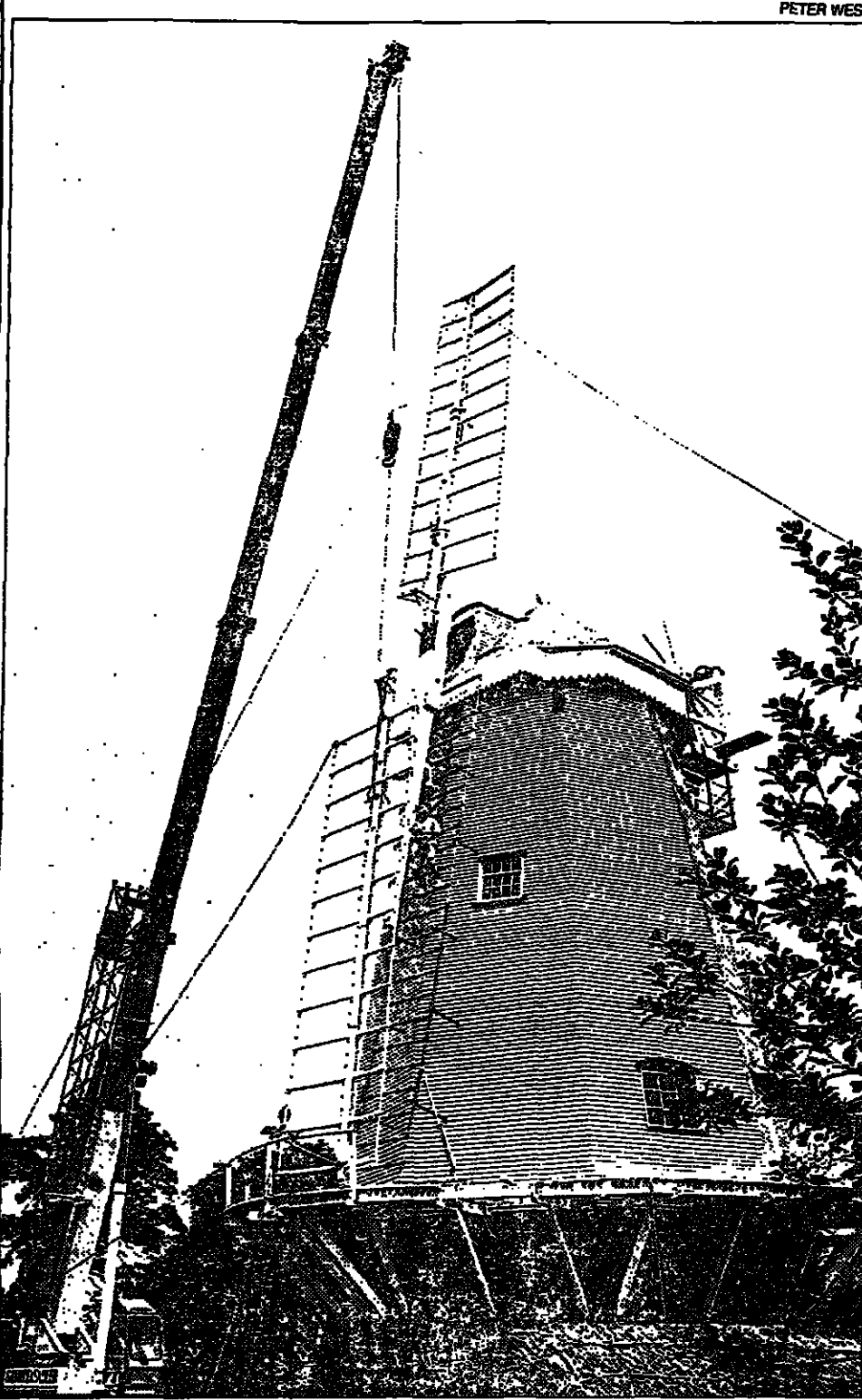


Saunders: gave evidence for five weeks

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He said that Dr Siddiqui, who on Saturday called for the creation of a "Muslim parliament" in Britain, was an isolated voice within the Islamic community who had set back its interests by displaying an enthusiasm for racial separatism.

Mr Day, in his first public reaction to the proposal, said,



The sails of Shipley Mill in West Sussex being swung into position yesterday to complete a two year restoration project. The mill, built in 1879 for grinding corn, is the biggest mill in Sussex. It was built with the lower two floors of wood and its restoration was carried out initially as a memorial to the author Hilaire Belloc, who once owned the site and who died at Shipley in 1953. The latest £150,000 restoration project was initiated by the Friends of Shipley Mill helped by West Sussex County Council. A plaque on the mill from an earlier restoration reads: "Let this be a memorial to Hilaire Belloc, who garnered a harvest of wisdom and sympathy for young and old."

## Law Lords ruling clears way for poll tax refunds

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

FIVE Law Lords yesterday paved the way for four million people to receive refunds on their poll tax bills by upholding the government's right to cap local council spending.

Their unanimous judgment will also clear the way for ministers to make greater use of capping powers next year if councils exceed government spending targets. Chris Patten, the environment secretary, who will announce the outcome of the ministerial review of the charge in the Commons tomorrow, hailed the legal victory as "good news for charge payers".

He also issued a warning that he expected councils to make the reductions needed to stay within their lower budgets entirely from cuts in poll tax demands. Some of the 21 capped councils have said that the cost of sending out new bills and low rates of payment mean that they cannot reduce the community charge to the level sought by ministers.

Mr Patten, who has made it clear that he will use the courts to enforce poll tax cuts, said: "It is my firm view that the reductions in budgets must feed through in full to reductions in charges." The cuts should come into effect by the middle of next month, he said.

The councils acknowledged that budgets would now have to be reduced but Sir Jack Layden, the chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said they would consider taking their case to the European Court of Justice in Brussels. A more immediate concern for the councils will be raising the estimated £1 million needed to pay for what has been one of the longest legal challenges to the government.

Lords Bridge, Brandon, Oliver, Goff and Jauncey dismissed arguments that Mr Patten had exceeded his powers and acted unfairly by imposing spending limits on the 21 councils. Full reasons for the ruling will be given at a later date.

Capping orders approved by parliament last week will reduce the budgets of the 21 councils by £217 million, cutting community charge bills by between £26 and £99 a head. Mr Patten said after the judgment: "It means that I can now help over four million charge payers who have been suffering from the effects of authorities' excessive budgets. I will now very shortly serve the statutory notices."

The Labour-controlled Local Government Information Unit, which co-ordinated the councils' campaign, condemned Mr Patten for exercising "power without responsibility". Alan Pickstock, its official spokesman, said the ruling effectively gave Mr Patten the right to "ignore the outcome of elections" by preventing

councils spending money to implement election pledges.

"He has the power to take decisions which affect the daily lives of millions of people. But the responsibility for providing vital services with inadequate funds remains with the local councils. The decision re-emphasises that the poll tax has nothing to do with local accountability."

Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, said: "It is hardly surprising that the courts should find that Mr Patten, having provided himself with legal powers, did not exceed those powers when he imposed a cap on local authorities. The legal test is, however, different from the test of fairness and common sense. On those issues and in the court of public opinion Mr Patten is a guilty man."

Ronnie Fearn, the local government spokesman for the Liberal Democrats, said: "It is a sad day for the accountability of local government. Chris Patten should have given his reason for capping each individual council."

## Stab victim 'left to die in road'

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

AN INDIAN taxi driver lay dying in the road from 58 stab wounds while his killer walked calmly to the home of his girlfriend nearby where she washed his blood-stained clothes and shielded him from police investigating the murder, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Steven Croker, aged 21, had arrived dripping with blood and went to bed with Sarah Eyles after she had helped him to hide his knife and clothing in the loft. The couple spent the following day together as police conducting house-to-house enquiries called at Miss Eyles' home, but left without realising that the murderer had been given refuge there, the court was told.

Mr Croker, unemployed, of Telford Road, Southall, west London, denies murdering Kuldeep Singh Sekhon, a family man aged 35, on November 11 1989, but admitted manslaughter. Miss Eyles, 22, also unemployed, has pleaded not guilty to perverting the course of justice.

The taxi driver was taking Mr Croker to see Miss Eyles at her home on the Redwood Estate, Cranford, west London. He decided he was not going to pay the fare and an argument developed.

Opening the case Michael Worsley, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury it would have to decide on the killer's state of mind, but added: "It was not anything more than an evil act done upon that Indian taxi driver under the influence of drink or drugs."

Mr Sekhon, from Southall, was covered in stab wounds which penetrated his lungs and heart, the court was told. "After the killing Croker went off, taking his time, quite calmly to Miss Eyles," Mr Worsley said. "She let him stay there and take refuge and indeed, after she washed his clothing, these two young people went to bed together."

He told her what he had done, and also told friends who called at his girlfriend's house. The following night he told friends in a pub of the "ferocious attack" and even claimed he had dumped the murder weapon in a river.

The trial continues today.

## Muslim majority urged to speak out

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

MODERATE Muslims, who have a clear majority in Britain's Islamic communities, should exercise their moral authority to silence extremists such as Kalim Siddiqui, Michael Day, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality said yesterday.

He said that Dr Siddiqui, who on Saturday called for the creation of a "Muslim parliament" in Britain, was an isolated voice within the Islamic community who had set back its interests by displaying an enthusiasm for racial separatism.

Mr Day, in his first public reaction to the proposal, said,

however, that he would be worried if Dr Siddiqui, the director of the Muslim Institute, were ever to be prosecuted for any of his statements.

Dr Siddiqui has been investigated by the Director of Public Prosecutions for possibly inciting people to murder by publicly supporting the late Ayatollah Khomeini's *fatwa*, or religious edict, calling for the death of Salman Rushdie, the author.

"My misgivings are that if action were to be taken against him it might give him undue prominence and further polarise opinion among Muslims," Mr Day said.

He said he would prefer to see moderate Muslims, who had been horrified by the radicalism expressed by people such as Dr Siddiqui, exerting peaceful pressure on the extremists to shut up.

His views were echoed by Mrs Shahwar Sadeque, a Muslim commissioner with the Commission for Racial Equality, who said that Dr Siddiqui should be marginalised.

They were speaking at the relaunch yesterday of the commission's local network of over 90 community relations councils whose brief has been sharpened to make them concentrate on fighting discrimination.

"We want to harness their experience and knowledge to work with us more systematically in tackling discrimination with a harder edge," Mr Day said.

Activities geared simply to promoting good race relations in a broad sense would receive less emphasis. The commission also hopes to enhance the management of the councils by insisting that a third of the membership of their executive committees retire each year and by improving training.

Mr Day said the move marked a new phase in the struggle against racial inequality in Britain.

## Cabinet expected to take cautious approach on troop reductions

By NICHOLAS WOOD  
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

HOPES of a substantial peace dividend from the collapse of the Warsaw pact and the diminishing military threat posed by the Soviet Union are expected to be dashed at a meeting of senior ministers today at 10 Downing Street.

The cabinet's overseas and defence committee, chaired by the prime minister, is likely to adopt a cautious approach towards cuts in British forces in the light of the upheavals in eastern Europe. Tom King, the defence secretary, set the tone for today's meeting in the Commons when he emphasised yesterday the need for "a certain prudence" in responding to the changed military circumstances in Europe.

Conservative MPs supporting him said that the government should not be stampeded into precipitate decisions by what could prove to be short-term shifts in the military threat. Mr King added that the

"headlong process of change" in recent months in eastern Europe could alter.

David Martin, Tory MP for Portsmouth South, said that it would be criminal folly to scale down nuclear and conventional forces to the level at which Britain was not prepared for unforeseeable eventualities. Defence department sources later underlined the government's reluctance to be hurried into sweeping reductions in Britain's forces. One commented: "The idea of a government of this kind rushing into enormous defence cutbacks is simply incredible."

Mr King also moved to repair the damage done to Anglo-German relations by Nicholas Ridley's attack on Bonn's ambitions in Europe. He insisted that "friendship and partnership" were at the heart of the alliance between the two countries. He also congratulated Germany and the Soviet Union on the "remarkable landmark" of the acceptance of a united Germany in Nato. The outcome of the

cabinet committee meeting is likely to prove something of a setback for Alan Clark, the minister for defence procurement, who proposed a net reduction of £17 billion over the next 10 years in the defence budget.

In a paper that caused consternation among defence chiefs, Mr Clark recommended a drastic shift in Britain's military posture, with deep cuts in the navy's surface fleet and the armour and manpower of the Rhine army. This would release cash to be spent on smaller and more mobile forces capable of being deployed out of the Nato area.

It is understood, however, that he has already been forced to abandon, as too costly and impractical, his ideas of creating nuclear-powered carrier fleets with a capacity for "force projection" in potential trouble spots such as the Gulf and the Far East.

The committee will have before it the *Options for Change* paper, which is

understood to set out a number of options and to recommend a middle course between the present position and Mr Clark's radical proposals.

Modest reductions in defence spending will also come as a disappointment to the Treasury, which has been seeking an immediate cut of £1 billion in the defence department's £21.2 billion budget. However, as the public spending round gathers pace, Treasury ministers will have the consolation of knowing that they will not now face a rush by ministers from spending departments anxious to lay their hands on a substantial peace dividend.

Up to 800 jobs could be shed by Rolls-Royce in Bristol over the next two years after the defence ministry's decision to halt an order for 33 Tornado aircraft for the RAF, the company said yesterday (Craig Seton writes).

The Rolls-Royce plant at Filton is involved in making the RB 199 engine for the Tornado and the company estimates

that the 8,000-strong workforce could face cuts of between seven and ten per cent through natural wastage unless alternative orders are secured.

The ministry announced last month that an order for 26 ground attack and seven air defence Tornados, each worth £20 million, was being put on ice, rather than cancelled, because the aircraft were judged as excess to current requirements. The decision was taken against the background of the rapid thaw in East-West relations.

The Bristol plant is making between 30 and 40 per cent of the RB 199 for the Tornado in a collaborative venture with Italy and West Germany. A spokesman for the company said yesterday: "It was obvious that we were going to feel a certain impact from the cancellation of the Tornado contract. Various options are being considered to bring more work to the plant and we are hopeful there will be no requirement for compulsory redundancies."



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## Inspectorate's report criticises education in Hackney

## Schools' results 'far below national average'

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

PARENTS in a London borough were told yesterday that their children were being badly taught in badly-behaved classes run by unqualified teachers in dilapidated buildings.

In one of its most critical reports, Her Majesty's Inspectorate said that the schools in Hackney, east London, were producing results far below the national average and failing many of their children. Inspectors found that teachers did not support each other, were poorly dressed and unpunctual, and that children's work was either not marked or treated casually.

Many teachers were from overseas, unused to the English system and the language, because experienced British teachers would not take the jobs. The inspectors said: "Nothing can be achieved unless the central problem of teacher recruitment and retention can be resolved. All the rest is dependent on that."

John MacGregor, the education secretary, said that the education provided in Hackney was not good enough. He is sending in a team of government inspectors to work with local officials to

produce by November a plan to raise standards.

Mr MacGregor said that the problems were the legacy of mismanagement by the Labour-controlled Inner London Education Authority (Ilea). The new local education authority, which took over in April, had begun to make changes but was still failing to achieve the necessary improvements.

Gus John, Hackney's director of education and a former assistant education officer with the Ilea, said that the report mirrored his own concerns. He would work with the DES to continue to improve standards.

Primary school inspections in Hackney since 1988 showed that 42 per cent of lessons were less than satisfactory, a later examination of a smaller number of primary schools in January this year showed that 55 per cent of lessons were unsatisfactory, compared to the national average of 30 per cent. The inspectors conclude: "None of the primary schools inspected is outstanding; most range from adequate to poor; about half a dozen give cause for concern."

The inspectors were critical

of the standard of English lessons and said that too little attention was being given to help children to speak, listen and write. Reading was held up because of the frequent changes of staff.

Primary schools give high priority to mathematics but the lessons do not stretch the pupils. In other subjects, much of the work is ordinary and tedious. Science, geography and history suffer from lack of planning and low expectations. There is little work of quality in art and technology in spite of adequate resources.

Pupils behaved unacceptably badly in a few schools. In daily assembly many schools failed to maintain standards because too many teachers refused to attend, insisting on using the time to prepare lessons.

Old buildings reduced the quality of teaching. "Over half the schools visited provide a dismal setting for teaching and learning: untidy classrooms, poorly organised resource rooms and a low standard of cleaning contribute to the shabby environment. In some schools the quality of facilities, such as the toilets, raises

questions about the attitudes which are conveyed, consciously or unconsciously, to pupils by the school. For example, in one primary school a single toilet roll was left hanging at the entrance to the building," the inspectors said.

In secondary schools, overall standards were significantly below the national average. In Hackney, more than 40 per cent of lessons are judged to be less than satisfactory with a tenth of all lessons having serious shortcomings. Half the science and mathematics lessons and two-fifths of English were unsatisfactory or poor.

The inspectors reported on a typical bad lesson: "The teacher's control is precarious and lessons are disrupted by bad behaviour. Lack of adequate classroom control is often linked to unpunctuality by pupils or teachers or both... in the worst instances lessons degenerate into noisy chaos."

Mr MacGregor said that some good work was being done in some Hackney schools but "far too much of what is on offer is simply not good enough".



John, education director: critical report mirrored his own concerns on schools

## Probation officers reject changes as wasteful

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT plans for big changes in the structure of the probation service have been rejected as a costly waste of time by Britain's 6,000 probation officers.

The proposals are mainly aimed at persuading the service to adopt a more controlling and punitive approach to offenders, the National Association of Probation Officers says. It believes they would do nothing towards achieving the Home Office's intention of enhancing accountability and good practice or reducing offending and the courts' use of custody.

The association says the plans threatened to further reduce morale in a service already demoralised by government proposals to toughen community penalties by such means as introducing curfews, possibly policed by electronic tags. It says that if the Home Office chose a national service, the most radical option being considered, there would be wholesale resignations.

The government suggested in a green paper published in February that it was intolerable that the Home Office, which meets 80 per cent of the service's £240 million annual costs, should have so little control over it. It also claimed that there were unacceptable variations in service provision and management standards between the 54 self-governing probation areas.

The green paper proposed such remedies as amalgamation of smaller areas and the creation of a national service run directly by the Home Office or by an executive agency. It also suggested that membership of probation committees, the service's management bodies which are dominated by magistrates, should be broadened to include, for example, businessmen or leaders of the local ethnic communities.

The association says that probation officers, whose tasks include supervising non-custodial penalties and orders, advising prisoners on offenders for courts, are now successfully handling growing numbers of more serious offenders as courts become more sparing in their use of imprisonment. It points out that between 1985 and 1989 the number of offenders receiving probation orders after crown court convictions rose by five per cent.

## MacGregor and unions clash on vacancies

UNIONS and the government took opposing views in the long-running argument about teacher supplies when John MacGregor, the education secretary, yesterday released the latest figures of classroom vacancies in England (David Tyler writes).

He maintained that the figures showed that teaching was holding its own against other careers with a national vacancy rate of 6.494, or 1.8 per cent, against 4.395 in 1988 and 5.540 in 1989. He said that the figure was "skewed" by the particular difficulties in London where teacher vacancy rates were 5.3 per cent compared with 4.3 per cent in 1989. The failure to employ enough experienced teachers was seen as the main cause for

the poor education delivered in Hackney which in January this year was short of 152 teachers. It has hired 140 of the 260 needed to start the autumn term.

The National Union of Teachers (NUT) said that the figures confirmed a joint union survey last autumn which claimed there were 8,000 vacancies in England and Wales. Doug McAvoy, NUT general secretary, said: "It is further proof of the union's claim that teacher supply, recruitment and retention is reaching crisis proportions. What has been done to date doesn't even begin to tackle the problem."

Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, said: "These are appalling figures. They mean that 130,000 pupils

were without a properly qualified teacher in front of their class and confirm Labour figures which have been derided by government ministers."

Mr MacGregor published the vacancy figures alongside the government's response to the report from a Commons select committee on teacher supply earlier this year.

Regional teacher vacancies in 1990 (with 1989 figures in parentheses) were: North, 150 (154); Yorkshire & Humberside, 433 (355); North west, 543 (526); East Midlands, 299 (290); West Midlands, 557 (484); East Anglia, 141 (106); Greater London, 2,505 (2,124); Other South east, 1,306 (1,159); South west, 560 (342). Total for England: 6,494 (5,540).

## Courage of officers in jail riot is praised at enquiry

A PRISON governor without riot equipment led a team of officers in "courageous" actions when trouble broke out at a Victorian jail, a Home Office enquiry was told yesterday.

Daniel McAllister, a trained commander of riot and restraint teams, said rioting inmates prevented him from collecting his riot equipment when disorder erupted at Horfield prison, Bristol, on April 8, leading to £1 million damage. He commanded his team in the jail's trouble spots wearing a lounge suit.

The enquiry, at Taunton, Somerset, was told the team held an important internal bridge to prevent rampaging prisoners spreading trouble to different wings, and made repeated, but unsuccessful, attempts under a barrage of missiles to free an officer they thought was being held hostage. Mr McAllister also directed a team that brought out a seriously ill inmate under

the protection of riot shields, bombarded by missiles from prisoners on the roof.

Lord Justice Woolf, the enquiry chairman, praised the courage of the governor and his team, whom he publicly thanked yesterday. The enquiry is into the disturbances in prisons in the south-west in April, which broke out after the rioting at Strangeways prison, Manchester.

Lord Justice Woolf and a team of assessors are investigating the disorders in prisons at Dartmoor, Cardiff and Bristol, and at a remand centre at Pucklechurch, Avon. Damage totalled more than £2.5 million.

Mr McAllister said he was in his room on A Wing on that Sunday when an alarm sounded about 6.30pm. "It was pandemonium," he said.

Between 60 and 70 inmates were involved at that time, and a further 50 to 60 were milling about. Mr McAllister said he called in a control and

restraint team and ordered the 12 officers to hold an internal bridge, separating A Wing from B and C wings.

Staff were evacuated from A Wing, where prisoners were building barricades, and he was told that officer Bob Santley was in a cell on the ground floor with prisoners. The enquiry was told that officers protected by riot shields tried to cut through the bars of a ground floor cell where Mr Santley had been taken by prisoners for his own protection. Mr McAllister said he directed three attempts to free the officer in which two men were injured by flying debris and one officer was knocked unconscious by a missile.

Mr McAllister said he led his team through a passage to A wing, where a wooden door had been jammed by inmates. "Most of these inmates were armed with bed ends or table legs and among them I saw Mr Santley dressed as a prisoner."

With his team around him, he asked the orderly officer to unlock the gate and allow some of the prisoners out. "It was like the cork coming out of the bottle, with Mr Santley and about 16 inmates popping out." The door was relocked and there were no problems as the inmates were moved to another wing. Mr Santley was shaken but unhurt.

The enquiry continues today.

## Ministry ignoring countryside needs, Heseltine claims

Michael Heseltine, the former environment secretary, has accused the Department of Transport of showing minimal concern for the environment in its plans for a motorway service station in his Oxfordshire constituency.

Mr Heseltine, MP for Henley, told a public inquiry in Benson, Oxfordshire, yesterday that proposed development on a green field site alongside the M40 at Tetworth, below the Chiltern hills, was too big and in the wrong place. The department wants to build a 100-acre service area close to what would have the site of Stone Bassett, a new town for 15,000 people which was rejected by Chris Patten, the environment secretary, earlier this year.

The service station would be the biggest in the country and would handle about 20,000 vehicles a day and would include a restaurant and filling station.

Mr Heseltine, who supports residents, conservation groups and local authorities opposing the scheme, said that large service stations should be developed in urban areas, not open countryside.

He said: "I do not accept for a minute that the ministry of transport has a juggernaut-like right to take open countryside for the car and the lorry." Mr

Heseltine urged the environment department inspector hearing evidence to reject the transport department plans and to recommend a compensation award to local campaign groups who have fought costly battles against the Stone Bassett and Tetworth projects.

The inquiry was adjourned until today.

## Stillborn babies plea

MIDWIVES yesterday demanded rights for thousands of stillborn babies who will be affected by proposed changes in abortion legislation.

Miss Ruth Ashton, general secretary of the Royal College of Midwives, said the law should be changed so that a 24-week child can be officially classed as stillborn and entitled to a legal burial.

That would be in line with the abortion white paper which limits terminations from the present 28 weeks to 24. "The implication of this is that the government now

recognises that a baby can be born alive at 24 weeks," Miss Ashton told a Manchester news conference.

"If a baby can be born alive at 24 weeks, we believe the mother should be allowed to have the baby registered as a stillbirth," she said.

Mrs Jennifer Kelsall, a member of the college's ruling council, said that a stillborn baby had a legal status and the parents would have a legal right to have it buried. "At present this is denied to mothers producing babies between 24 and 28 weeks."

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## Decision delay

Judgment was reserved yesterday in the renewed attempt by the Attorney-General to have Ian Hislop, editor of *Private Eye*, fined for contempt of court over publication of two articles about the Yorkshire Ripper's wife, Sonia Sutcliffe.

## Sporran secret

Dr Robert Macaulay, aged 48, of Clarence Street, Edinburgh, was found with cannabis worth £57 in his sporran as he was about to fly from Heathrow. He was yesterday fined £125 by Uxbridge magistrates.

## £750,000 paid

A teenager has accepted a £750,000 out-of-court settlement of a claim resulting from treatment at Brompton Hospital, London. Joseph Rushbrook, aged 18, of Benington, Hertfordshire, is now said to be mentally handicapped.

## All out

Edgar Watts, the cricket bat making firm of Bungay, Suffolk, is to close in September.

## Case put back

Magistrates at Billericay, Essex, yesterday adjourned a manslaughter case against a man whose motor-cyclist son, aged 10, was involved in a crash which killed a 12-year-old on a BMX bicycle.

## Algae alert

Some water sports have been suspended at the National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont, near Nottingham, after the discovery of potentially poisonous algae.

## Bun was mouldy

The fast food firm Wimpy was yesterday fined £250 by Exeter magistrates for selling a cheeseburger with mould on the bun. Bytemonad Ltd, of Newton Abbot, Devon, a franchise firm trading as Wimpy, pleaded guilty.

## Up and down

A bus shelter built in the face of local opposition at Glastonbury, Somerset, has been knocked down after just 24 hours by a runaway bus.



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# Reunification fuels tensions on the Oder-Neisse line

From A CORRESPONDENT IN WARSAW

FEW borders in European history have caused more continuing controversy than the Oder-Neisse line, named after the two rivers that form most of the boundary between Poland and East Germany. It forms the heart of the postwar settlement of Europe, a settlement that has been postponed for more than four decades.

The boundary issue occupied a substantial portion of the first two world war allies' summit conferences, at Tehran in November-December 1943 and Yalta in February 1945. It was touched on again at Potsdam in July-August 1945 after Germany's defeat. Stalin originally suggested the border solution at Yalta — and it is no surprise that the Soviet Union was the main beneficiary.

The emotionally charged issue was generated by Stalin's territorial demands on Poland, a result of the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact under which Germany launched the second world war by attacking Poland on September 1, 1939, followed by Moscow 17 days later.

Although Poland's eastern territories contained relatively few natural resources, they were essential sources of energy: oil, natural gas, potash and timber. In addition, the territories had been intimately connected with Polish history for 500 years.

At the same time, Poland had sought from the victorious allies — which included the Soviet Union following Germany's attack on it in 1941 — the return of East Prussia and the ancient Polish territory of Pomerania and Silesia, basing their claim that the lands were originally Polish under the

tenth century Piast dynasty, as well as for a broad access to the sea and for Polish boundary marks on the Oder, according to a manifesto of the Soviet-installed Polish government in Lublin in 1944.

Thus, the postwar conferences produced a different Poland — a state more than 90 miles westward. It gained territory the size of Ireland — about 40,000 square miles — but lost to the Soviet Union almost twice that area — about 70,000 square miles — including Vilnius and Lvov.

But Poland gained in quality what it lost in quantity: the former German territories of Silesia, Pomerania and the southwestern segment of East Prussia. In exchange for poor agricultural land in the east, it was ceded important German industrial areas and attained more of a sea coast, becoming less landlocked. That

transfer of wealth and history still angers many Germans. For decades, those who were expelled formed a powerful minority whose demand that the border must never be recognized could not be ignored by succeeding West German governments — even at the diplomatic cost of keeping Poland's fears alive that someday a German army would use that excuse to march again.

Some three million Poles moved from the eastern territories to the newly acquired western lands, while between 1946 and 1949 more than three million Germans, Ukrainians, Russians and Belorussians left Poland. As a result of the wartime and postwar changes, Poland became ethnically and religiously homogeneous, becoming more than 98 per cent Polish and 94 per cent Roman Catholic.

Poland suffered greatly from the war. Its population dropped from 34.8 million in 1939 to 25.5 million in 1951. Altogether 38 per cent of its wealth had been destroyed. It was estimated that more than 90 per cent of its livestock, 60 per cent of its industrial capacity and 45 per cent of its urban dwellings had been destroyed.

With the lack of a formal end to the war and a formal treaty guaranteeing the postwar border, Poland's postwar foreign policy has been geared to protecting its territory.

Although considering itself "sold out" by the big four at Yalta into the Soviet orbit, Poland did its best to accommodate itself. For example, it supported the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 in an attempt to persuade Moscow that it could trust the

Poles. In return, the Communist party leader, Wladyslaw Gomułka, gained stature among the Russians, and with their approval trumped his career by playing host to Willy Brandt, the West German chancellor, from December 6-8, 1970, during which they signed a treaty acknowledging the Oder-Neisse line as a legitimate frontier of Poland.

In fact, the country's western frontiers had already been guaranteed in the Soviet-West German treaty of September 1970, but Poland played it for the public relations coup that it was.

However, the treaty has never been acknowledged as the final guarantee. The Bonn government had merely renounced the use of force in seeking to alter the Potsdam frontiers.

For his effort, Herr Brandt was attacked at home by opposition

charges that he gave away a third of the German Reich. His reply was that the Nazis, not he, gambled away German land 31 years before when they sent their armies across the Polish border.

With the treaty, Poland also gained the graces of the Roman Catholic church. Previously the church had been reluctant to establish normal diplomatic relations with Poland. But in 1972 it gave implicit recognition of the frontier by appointing six Polish bishops in areas acquired from Germany.

Although the 1970 treaty, and Herr Brandt's *Ostpolitik* that followed, went a long way toward reconciling the wartime enemies, the border issue remained a smouldering question, which has now flamed anew with the imminent prospect of German reunification.

## A confident Kohl basks in praise from friend and foe

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

BASKING in the praise of even his political enemies, Helmut Kohl told a press conference here yesterday that he brought "good news for all Germans". He said: "There is now agreement between the Soviet Union and us on all external aspects [of reunification]. We can clearly recognise the contours of the future architecture of Europe."

The West German chancellor said East Germany and the three Western allies had promised him support for Monday's agreement, suggesting the "two-plus-four" talks in Paris yesterday had been rendered virtually superfluous.

On the Polish border question, the main point raised in Paris, Herr Kohl made no reference to the request from Warsaw for immediate talks and an international guarantee that a treaty will be signed after reunification.

He promised a "comprehensive" treaty would be signed "as soon as possible" after reunification in about a year. This would be some six months following unity. He

was adamant that Poland guarantee cultural rights to its ethnic German population in return for acceptance of the present border. Until then he believes Poland will be reassured by the identical resolutions to respect the border passed by the Bundestag and Volkskammer.

After telling the press "we are turning a new page of German and European history", the chancellor announced for the first time that December 2 is the "presumed" date of the first pan-German election.

Herr Kohl tried hard to make clear a united Germany would pose no danger. "We are no world power and I regard it as silly to dream the world power dream," he said. "The intended central role of the united country thus threatens none. The new Germany is not a colossus, which ties somewhere in central Europe, but is fully embedded in the European security structure."

Germany would demonstrate its new friendship with the Soviet Union by signing a comprehensive treaty on economic and political relations between the two countries by next summer. This would be made feasible, he said, by Soviet regulations for a free market economy, which President Gorbachev had promised to lay before the Supreme Soviet in September to be put into effect as soon as possible. Once these measures were in force, the West could offer concrete help. In the meantime West German technical experts in all areas would be available.

Herr Kohl explained the significance of the Soviet promise to withdraw their troops from German soil by 1994. "That means that 50 years after the day on which Soviet troops first entered the then Reich in battle in the second world war, the last Soviet soldiers will withdraw from Germany." What the bilateral treaty with the Soviet Union will cost will take some months to become clear.

Theo Waigel, the West German finance minister, said yesterday in Munich that so far the Soviet leadership had not submitted "a bill" agreeing to a sovereign, united Germany. "Our interests must be in seeing that the reform process in the USSR runs further and positively."

While Herr Kohl was soaking up praise in Bonn, Oskar Lafontaine, his SPD rival, was in East Berlin, talking to protesting building workers worried about the financial effects of unification.

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## Berlin in move to save army

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

EVEN after reunification, East Germany wants to keep its own army with independent structure and high command, Markus Meckel, the East German foreign minister, said yesterday.

In a statement he said that "the Bundeswehr in future will still not be able to operate on the territory of what is East Germany today", adding this area must still be in the charge of an East German force.

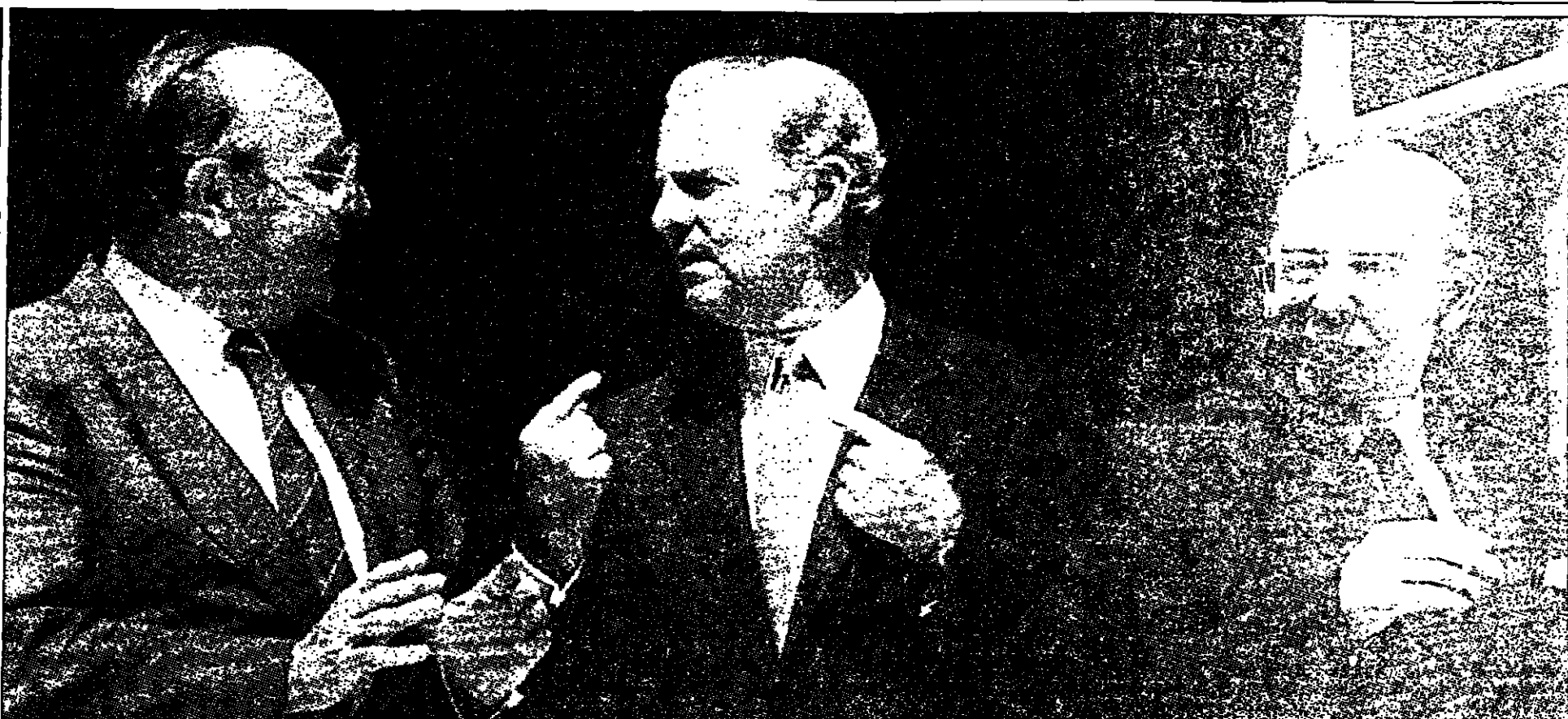
During negotiations in the Soviet Union this week between President Gorbachev and Helmut Kohl, the West German chancellor, it was agreed that no troops under Nato command should be deployed in what is now East Germany territory. However, the agreement did accept that "non-integrated units of the Bundeswehr (called 'units for territorial defence') can be stationed in the area of East Germany immediately after reunification."

Herr Meckel's insistence that the Bundeswehr, even as a "unit for territorial defence", should not be allowed to deploy in East Germany, underlines the fact that the government is struggling to retain an element of independence after reunification.

The foreign minister said that the question was not something which needed to be discussed with the four second world war allies, but would instead be negotiated between the two Germans.

West Germany is likely to agree that the job of maintaining security in the area be left largely to men recruited or conscripted locally. However, it is unlikely to accept the concept of a different high command, or structures which are incompatible with the Bundeswehr.

Admiral Theodor Hoffmann, defence minister in the last East German communist government, said in an interview with the *Berliner Morgenpost* yesterday that the National People's Army had drawn up a crisis plan by which it would side with the people if the civil powers tried to put an end to the peaceful revolution. The army, he said, had thus played a leading role in bringing about the change to democracy, and this legitimised its claim to serve in a united German army and to go into reunification "not as losers but as equals".



James Baker, the American Secretary of State, flanked by Hans-Dietrich Genscher, left, the West German foreign minister, and Krzysztof Skubiszewski, his Polish counterpart, outside the "two-plus-four" talks in Paris on German reunification. The Polish border question was the main item on the agenda

## Hopes rise for quick Vienna deal on troop cuts in Europe

By ANDREW McEWEN, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE accord reached in Moscow between Helmut Kohl, the West German chancellor, and President Gorbachev produced a surge of optimism yesterday in talks in Vienna on a pact to reduce conventional forces in Europe.

Western delegates said they believed the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) treaty would be achieved in time for an historic 35-nation summit in November marking the end of the Cold War.

The West has been anxious that both the treaty and the summit should take place before the all-German elections on December 2, but until now many diplomats have consid-

ered the schedule too tight. However, a Canadian official who has been among the sceptics on Moscow's intentions said yesterday he had changed his mind after Mr Gorbachev's announcement that he no longer objects to a united Germany joining Nato.

American, British and West German delegates also said they thought the chances of success were now good, despite important disagreements with Moscow on some points.

The programme the West has set itself will make the next five months one of the busiest periods in peace-time history. Before the Conference on Security and Co-operation

in Europe (CSCE), the 35-nation body linking the United States, Canada and the whole of Europe except Albania, holds its summit in Paris the following hurdles have to be overcome:

□ A split between Moscow and Nato over whether to include land-based naval aircraft in the CFE treaty still shows no sign of being resolved. Negotiators from the 23 Nato and Warsaw Pact countries are in constant session, attending up to 16 meetings a week.

□ The Moscow accord will make one problem more pressing. Under the CFE treaty, Nato and the Pact will

be allowed not more than 20,000 tanks and 30,000 armoured combat vehicles each in the area between the Atlantic and the Urals. There will also be a ceiling for artillery. But some of the weapons belong to East Germany, and, if it joins Nato, its part of the pact's allowance could be transferred to Moscow.

The West has demanded that no one nation should be allowed more than 30 per cent of its side's share, which would avert this risk. But Moscow is demanding more:

□ The West will want to be sure that Moscow is ready to start talks immediately on a second CFE treaty as soon as the first is signed. There is a risk that a first accord could produce the sort of imbalance it is supposed to avert unless followed by a second one.

The first treaty will limit the United States and the Soviet Union to 195,000 troops each outside their national boundaries. Moscow need only move them across the borders. The reduction of the future all-German army to 370,000 men, agreed by Herr Kohl, is to be one of the key measures of the second treaty.

□ Separate talks on confidence and security-building measures still have a long way to go. The West has called for greater openness about each side's military spending and activities, and better communications between the two alliances' armed forces.

□ The "two plus four" talks between the two Germanies and the four second world war allies have to be completed before the CSCE summit.

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## Nato optimism on accord

From MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS

MANFRED Wörner, the secretary-general of Nato, returned from Leningrad last night, and in talks this morning with Jozsef Antall, the Hungarian prime minister, is expected to focus on the momentous agreement to allow a united Germany to belong to the Western alliance.

Nato has expressed jubilation at the Moscow agreement, and sources in the alliance suggested yesterday that the remaining obstacles in the "two plus four" talks can now be quickly overcome.

Herr Wörner will brief Nato ambassadors today, and will also meet German officials to find out more details of the meeting between Helmut Kohl, the West German chancellor, and President Gorbachev.

He is expected to give a press conference today on his Moscow visit, the first such trip by a secretary-general since Nato was founded in 1949.

A spokesman said German membership of the alliance would increase stability for all. "It is as much in the interests of the Germans as their neighbours in the East and West, including the Soviet Union."

Herr Wörner's presence in Moscow at the same time as Herr Kohl was coincidental, but his report of the London summit and detailed explanation of Nato's proposals for co-operation were seen here as an important element in persuading Mr Gorbachev to change his mind.

This morning Herr Wörner

will discuss the implications with Mr Antall, and may also seek to reassure him that the extension of Nato territory eastwards will not upset the balance of power in central Europe.

Hungary has already given notice that it wants to leave the Warsaw Pact, though it has not raised this at formal meetings of the Eastern bloc. Some officials have even hinted that Budapest would like to join Nato. But Nato officials have tried to dampen such speculation, fearing that it would only complicate relations between Nato and the Soviet Union as Moscow withdraws its troops from most of Eastern Europe.

## Monarchists mark tsar's murder

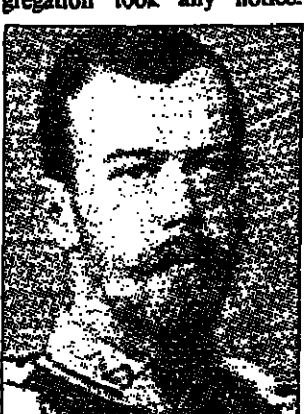
From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

SEVERAL hundred Muscovites took the morning off work yesterday to commemorate the anniversary of the death of the last tsar, Nicholas II, murdered with his family 72 years ago. They traipsed down mud-covered paths from the main road towards the dilapidated estate of the Donskoi monastery here.

Tsarist banners — gold, white and black — fluttered side by side with the imperial Russian tricolour, blue, red and white. In the middle stood a wooden icon of the "tsar-martyr". Behind the banners was a vast bas-relief showing St George slaying the dragon. One of the sculptures saved from the ruins of the Church of Christ the Saviour. The site had not been haphazardly chosen: the church was demolished to make way for a monument to Stalin that was never constructed, and there is now a movement to have it rebuilt. The service, conducted by two Russian Orthodox priests,

began 20 minutes late. Brownish candles were extracted from bags and boxes, passed from hand to hand, and lit. But the monarchists were not in good voice: a half-hearted attempt to sing the liturgical responses was lost in the cooing of pigeons and the rustle of the trees.

But barely half the congregation took any notice.



Nicholas II: inspiration for mass of memorabilia

Some were rifling through their shopping trolleys, setting out tsarist memorabilia — postcards, photographs and badges in the shape of the tsarist crest. Other were selling issues of new monarchist news sheets, and even more were buying. Trade was lively, despite high prices.

This is only the second year that ceremonies to mourn the last tsar have been conducted openly, but monarchists could take little comfort either from the turnout, or the devotion of those present. The monarchist movement is fragmented even before it has been revived. While all its members support the return of a tsar, they cannot agree on who the tsar should be. Support for Grand Duke Vladimir, who claims the throne, is not strong.

A member of the "Russian Popular Front", which claims loyalty to the two-month-old Democratic Russia Party, eventually acquired a loud-hailer and gave lengthy details

of a meeting to rename two streets in a Moscow suburb, as a slightly embarrassed priest waited to conclude the service.

Among the black-shirted young men were several members of the extreme nationalist Pamyat (Memory) organisation. Vyacheslav Demin, a ginger-bearded leader of a movement called Christian Rebirth, made clear that for him, at least, democracy was not a consideration. "The parliamentary path is not the Russian path," he said.

This was not the view taken by Patriarch Aleksii, the newly elected head of the Russian Orthodox Church, who gave his first full newspaper interview to *Pravda* yesterday. His central message was "morality in daily life and patience in waiting for change". He also addressed himself to the mass of Soviet citizens who now blame communism and the party for all the ills afflicting the country, and called for reconciliation.

## Prosecutor fears Ceausescu may get off 'scot free'

From CATHERINE ADAMS IN SIBIU

THE prosecutor at the trial of Nicu Ceausescu indicated yesterday that the son of Romania's executed dictator accused of genocide in the December revolution, may walk free from court. Captain Mircea Aron accused witnesses of lying in order to protect him.

On the second day of the resumed Ceausescu trial, Captain Aron said: "The way the trial is going it looks like he's going to get off scot free."

Asked if she thought Mr Ceausescu was likely to be found not guilty, his defence lawyer, Paula Jakobs, said: "We are fighting for that."

Miss Jakobs also claimed that the defendant, who is suffering from chronic cirrhosis of the liver, may not live to see the end of the trial, expected to last about a week. Nicolae Ceausescu's heir-apparent is accused of order-

ing security forces to open fire on demonstrators in his province of Sibiu, where 92 people were shot dead and hundreds injured last December.

The Communist Party's former chief of technology in Sibiu, Eugen Toma, backed up Mr Ceausescu's claim that the order was, in fact, a drunken remark made after a hustling dinner party. He confirmed yesterday that Mr Ceausescu had told military chiefs to mobilise forces for war, but added: "I think it was just a general comment. He was excited and agitated. I heard him shout for the first time in my life. He had been drinking but was coherent."

Captain Aron said after the hearing that public sympathy for Mr Ceausescu was based on lies. Several witnesses told how people came from all over the country to his personal

and financial problems and that he managed to provide his people with food while the rest of the nation went hungry. "Nicu would receive up to 40 visitors twice a week. They wanted better housing or medicine. Most of the problems he resolved personally," Mr Toma said.

The Communist Party's regional propaganda chief, Josef Rojesescu, praised Mr Ceausescu for helping poor peasants and shepherds by letting them consume their own produce, a practice strictly outlawed by his father. He also told the court how Mr Ceausescu had specifically told army chiefs that there was to be "no shooting under any circumstances" last December.

But the prosecutors allege that many witnesses "clubbed together to concoct stories to exonerate him".



# Tribal blood-letting takes over as Liberia rebels close in

FROM JAMIE DETTMER  
IN BUCHANAN

THREE pistol shots cracked through the darkness and the personal bodyguards of Charles Taylor, the Liberian rebel leader, giggled. "He was a stupid man, he had to die," they said.

The dead man, who had been led kicking and screaming to the back of a building at Mr Taylor's headquarters in the National Milling Company on the outskirts of Buchanan, had been caught pilfering, a crime frequently being committed on a grand scale by the rebel commanders.

Death is an easy affair in Liberia. The skulls of army soldiers decorating the makeshift checkpoints outside most villages in Nimba county testify to that, as do the jujitsu talismans of hair hacked from an enemy which some rebels gleefully wave around.

Thousands have died so far in the six-month civil war which Mr Taylor, a

former associate of President Doe, launched with Libyan help. All the rebels, most of whom come from the Gio and Mano tribes, say they are only fighting to oust President Doe and to restore democracy to the country. But get them talking about the Krahn tribe, where most government troops come from, and the real bedrock of the conflict becomes clear.

The tribal hatred runs deep and goes back hundreds of years to when the Krahn tribe pushed into Gio areas in east Liberia. "They are rough," said one rebel. "Man, they have done terrible things in this war, slitting pregnant women, killing children, disembowelling people." Villagers along the route from Tazeta in Nimba county, to Buchanan, in Grand Bassa county, confirm the terror the Krahn soldiers brought on their retreat towards the capital, Monrovia. Hardly a Gio family remained untouched. Rape and ritual killings were committed in almost every village.

In the north of Nimba county, the army followed a scorched-earth policy, burning the small, wood and mud-brick huts. Large towns have also been virtually destroyed.

At the village of Charles Johnson's Place, just south of Tazeta, two women were raped and killed and several huts burned by rampaging army soldiers. Moses Johnson, a small, wizened old man, said everyone tried to escape into the bush. "I stayed in my house and they left me alone. I thank God to see a new man. You can tell people about what's been happening here."

Dozens of villages are empty, the inhabitants among the 80,000 refugees in Ivory Coast and the 130,000 in Guinea. The children who are left are already showing signs of malnutrition. If villagers hear a car passing down the dirt tracks that pass for roads in Liberia, they rush out and beg for food.

With the planting season having been missed, a famine is looming for Liberia.

The United Nations and the Red Cross are bracing themselves for an influx of more refugees.

While the villagers starve, a reasonably good life is being enjoyed by the rebel forces in Buchanan. The rebel leaders and their entourages have taken up residence on the Liberian Mining Company's estate outside the town. There is electricity and water.

One of the properties on the estate is occupied by Major Seyeh Puh. His full title, "Fifth Battalion Commander, Adviser at War, Advance Committee Member", matches his loud and aggressive personality. He enjoys being a guerrilla leader and wears several bullet belts across his portly figure.

Major Puh is one of the commanders Mr Taylor is probably wary of. As President Doe continues to hang on in Monrovia, protected by his 700 personal bodyguards, the rebellion would appear to be stalling.

Mr Taylor initially held back from

storming the centre of the capital because of international, and particularly American, pressure to avoid civilian deaths. His tactic was to wait for the morale of the beleaguered troops to crumble and for President Doe to take up America's offer of sanctuary.

Reports of fierce fighting in Monrovia suggest that Mr Taylor's forces are finding it hard to knock out Mr Doe's bodyguards. Moreover, in the face of hunger, general lawlessness is beginning to spread in the country. There are signs that some rebel battalions and special forces commanders are starting to set up their personal fiefdoms.

In the past two days, Mr Taylor has been holding peace talks with Prince Johnson, the leader of a 300-strong breakaway faction. Mr Taylor is arguing for a pact until Monrovia has fallen. The rebels also face the danger of a second Krahn front being opened up in Maryland County, a Krahn stronghold in southeast Liberia. Mr Doe's regime

appears to be still intact there. Pegol supplies for the rebels are also dwindling. The main source is at the Firestone Company's plantation half way between Monrovia and Buchanan.

As the conflict continues, conditions in besieged Monrovia are worsening. The city has been without electricity and water supplies for weeks. Yesterday, refugees from Monrovia who reached Buchanan said Krahn death squads are still roaming the streets.

William Sharpe, the container manager at Monrovia's sea port, described his dramatic escape with his family. "The rebels launched an attack on the port and captured the coastguard boat. They met heavy resistance and were forced back."

"They took me and my wife and son because they were worried that Doe's people would kill us."

Many Liberians are concerned the tribal warfare will never stop, fuelled by the desire for revenge killings.

## Resignations rejected as Singh tries to end disarray

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THE Indian prime minister, Vishwanath Pratap Singh, emerging scathed but victorious from an internal feud that nearly brought down the government, yesterday invited 13 ministers who had submitted their resignations to return immediately to their posts.

Mr Singh announced that he was rejecting their resignations, much to the relief of senior civil servants who have waited anxiously for almost a week for vital state papers to be signed and outstanding decisions to be taken.

With the business of government in such turmoil, the Soviet Union inquired discreetly whether Mr Singh still intended to go to Moscow next week on a scheduled official visit. Pakistan sought assurances that talks between the foreign secretaries of the two countries on Kashmir and other issues would go ahead today and tomorrow in Islamabad.

The answer to both questions was yes. But in several important areas, the government has been at a standstill

while the Janata Dal (People's Party) threatened to splinter in the worst outbreak of factional fighting since the government took office seven months ago. As one Indian commentator observed yesterday: "A sense of contempt and loathing pervades the corridors of the bureaucracy, where the babus (bureaucrats) have always regarded their masters with disdain. Files, decisions, appointments — everything is on hold."

The commerce department was in suspended animation through the departure of its minister, Arun Nehru, and a minister of state. The external affairs ministry has been paralysed as the minister, Inder Gujral, and his deputy quit.

The outcome of the feud amounts to a rebuke for Devi Lal, the deputy prime minister, who appears constantly to be trying to assert his authority over Mr Singh. His unpopular son, Om Prakash Chauthala, has formally resigned as chief minister of Haryana state, just five days after assuming the post. Mr Lal said with a smile that he accepted the outcome "sportingly" and said he would stay in the government.

The resignation has resolved the immediate factional clashes but the affair has left Mr Singh's pledge of serious and principled government in ruins. Cartoons and commentaries in the press here reflect the view that India has again been held up to international ridicule by the antics of its politicians.

In the end, Mr Singh refused to accept any more of Mr Lal's preconditions for peace. At one point the deputy prime minister had offered to tell his son to quit so long as certain ministers who had resigned were not reinstated. The prime minister turned him down.

The four-day fiasco suggests that Congress is still the only party capable of providing a measure of stability in a faction-riddled system where ideology and party loyalty play second fiddle to the ceaseless wheeling and dealing for power.

The National Front government, a five-party coalition, faces new strains that will be harder to handle now that Janata Dal, its main constituent, has been so badly weakened.

The right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which keeps the government afloat in parliament, is starting to harden its blatantly religious Hindu doctrine while Mr Singh struggles to reassure India's 100 million Muslims not to be alarmed.

The BJP is behind the government's hardline policy in Kashmir, where tens of thousands of troops and paramilitary forces are trying to put down a Muslim separatist movement. Mr Singh will find himself at odds with the party if he seeks to pursue a more conciliatory policy in the strife-torn valley.

## Tourists in Italy flee toxic cloud

Rome — Roads were closed and camping sites evacuated along the northwestern Italian Riviera yesterday after a cloud of gas poisoned 150 tourists near Albenga. Among those taken to hospital, 22 were reported to be in a stable condition. They had been staying at three camping sites which together accommodate more than 1,000 people.

The gas cloud appears to have been caused by a pesticide used to spray crops near crowded beaches.

The incident led to calls by environmental groups to close agricultural sites near the sea or at least ban the use of toxic pesticides there. Their call was supported by tourist resorts which face bankruptcy following the cancellation of holiday bookings.

An inquiry is under way to determine whether the gas cloud was a result of criminal negligence.

## Japan to stop driftnet fishing

Tokyo — Japan said yesterday it would suspend driftnet fishing in the South Pacific while measures were devised to regulate the industry (see Joseph writes). The unexpected pledge comes less than a fortnight before the start of the 15-nation Pacific Forum in Vanuatu, where the issue is expected to be high on the agenda.

Japan, already criticised about its whaling habits, was expected to be in the firing line, but it may have now won a reprieve. Fishing by drift-nets, known as walls of death, is banned off Japan's own shores.

## Khmer Rouge attack on train

Phnom Penh — Khmer Rouge guerrillas killed at least 30 passengers and wounded about 200 in an attack on a train on Sunday afternoon in Kompong Chhnang province, 40 miles northwest of here, doctors said yesterday. More than 120 of the dead and wounded were brought to two main hospitals in the capital. The attack is believed to be one of the largest by the Khmer Rouge against civilians in the 11-year civil war. It followed a big assault against a train on July 1 near the coastal town of Kampot. General Tea Banh, the defence minister, said (AFP)



A wrecked building blocking a street in Baguio after the quake. Below, a trapped schoolgirl in Cabañatuan weeps as rescuers try to reach her

## Rescuers battle to free injured as quake toll rises

FROM REUTER IN BAGUIO, THE PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINE and American rescue teams battled yesterday to free scores of people trapped under concrete and twisted metal in the northern city of Baguio, devastated by an earthquake that killed at least 300.

Some 600 people were injured in Monday's tremor, which registered 7.7 on the Richter scale. Many schools, hotels and other tall buildings in the northern Philippines were destroyed.

Corpses of more than 20 people were pulled from the wreckage of Baguio's Nevada Hotel, where American aid officials were attending a conference. American officials said one American was dead and several others reported missing.

At least 125 people died in Baguio, a resort city in the Cordillera mountains 125 miles north of Manila.

Among the dead were textile workers crushed when their factory collapsed and students killed in the wreckage of a university building, res-

cue workers said. "The damage is much greater than we expected," a government press spokesman said. "Right now the need in Baguio is for water."

The spokesman was accompanying President Aquino to a school at Cabañatuan, north of Manila, where at least 39 children were crushed to death.

Rescue officials in Cabañatuan said more than a hundred students had been pulled from the rubble of their high school alive, but between 50 and 100 were still trapped.

Students enclosed by huge slabs of concrete and twisted metal passed their names out on pieces of paper, reporters at the scene said. Relatives chanted, "They're alive, they're alive."

As Mrs Aquino visited the ruins, rescuers just yards away bored through rubble from where they had heard trapped children crying out. "Hurry, please hurry."

At the Baguio general hospital, about a hundred pa-

tients were encamped on the lawn. Surgeons at Notre Dame hospital performed operations in a tent.

Large cracks on the Baguio airport runway prevented cargo planes flying in medical equipment, which had to be brought by helicopter. The government spokesman said roads to Baguio were closed but might be opened by midnight.

Most of the central portion of the Hyatt Hotel had collapsed and troops searched for staff trapped inside. Rescue operations were hampered by a lack of heavy equipment.

"The rescue workers are extracting more dead than alive," one American television cameraman said.

The American ambassador, Nicholas Platt, flew to Baguio to check on the fate of about two thousand American residents and visitors. "We're working on ways to get as much help and equipment into Baguio as right now the only available means is by helicopter," Mr Platt said.

## Syrian hint of talks gets cautious Israeli welcome

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI officials reacted positively, but with caution, yesterday to reports that Syria was willing to consider peace talks. A flurry of statements were issued after Radio Monte Carlo reported that President Assad of Syria had suggested during his recent visit to Egypt that he was willing to negotiate with Israel.

The radio report said Mr Assad had set three conditions for such talks: that Israel return the Golan Heights, captured in the 1967 Middle East war; that the Jewish state reach some arrangement with

Syria on Lebanon; and that there should be an international conference on Middle East peace.

Mr Assad reportedly made the remarks during his historic visit to Egypt, his first in the 13 years since Egypt began moving with American backing to make peace with Israel.

At a news conference with President Mubarak, Mr Assad had said: "President Mubarak and I are not in disagreement on the importance that there should be a serious move towards peace." He added: "We work in harmony for

whatever can serve peace."

Israeli officials saw the remarks as heartening, but denied reports that Mr Assad may have been responding to a secret peace initiative sent from Israel to Mr Mubarak.

Moti Amichai, spokesman for the foreign ministry, said: "We view every indication of Syrian readiness to negotiate peace as positive."

The deputy foreign minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, said Israel was glad to have peace-like rather than war-like rhetoric from Syria. "We are very interested to break that

circle and start political negotiations for peace with Syria," Mr Netanyahu said.

He said, however, that Israel stuck by its policy of accepting no preconditions before opening negotiations with Arab leaders.

It is the second signal from Syria that the Arab nation may be willing to talk with Israel.

Last March, Jimmy Carter, the former American president, arrived in Israel from Syria with a message that Syrian officials were willing to hold bilateral talks once Israel

agreed to convene an international peace conference.

Sharon setback: A three-judge panel of the Israeli supreme court yesterday blocked the emergency housing regulations that had been initiated by the housing minister, Ariel Sharon.

The regulations, approved by the cabinet on July 1, would have empowered Mr Sharon to purchase 3,000 prefabricated homes to settle the influx of Soviet Jews. But the court said that such rules should only be used in an emergency.

## Hollywood gore leaves public longing for kinder, gentler films

FROM CHARLES BRENNER  
IN NEW YORK

NOBODY has ever gone broke underestimating the taste of the American people, according to the dictum of the late H. L. Mencken. This summer, as Hollywood counts the proceeds from its most lavish crop of action films, Americans may be signalling that their common denominator may not be as low as Mencken believed.

Something unusual has been happening. For the past few weeks, the big studios have marshalled their marketing might to launch the most costly series of would-be blockbusters in their history, all of them all dependent on big male stars, high-tech special effects, minimal plot and usually a steady supply of explosions, crashes and violence. These are the ingredients

which earned a record \$5 billion (\$2.8 billion) last year with movies such as *Batman* and *Lethal Weapon 2*.

Yet none of the new behemoths, from *Total Recall* starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, through *Dick Tracy* and *RoboCop 2* to *Another 48 Hours* and *Days of Thunder*, a Tom Cruise vehicle, have stirred the excitement their makers had hoped for and audiences have dwindled. "Pictures open huge and then drop off huge," said Tom Sherak, a senior Fox executive. "Nothing seems to have any holding power, any legs."

The trade paper *Variety* reported that the megabudget films of 1990, many of them sequels and several of which have cost close to \$100 million, are not expected to come near to winning the huge

relative failure is forcing them to rethink the films already in preparation for next summer and prompting critics to wonder whether the cycle of violent spectacle could be waning in favour of a return to the "small is beautiful" approach to film-making.

Roger Ebert, one of the most influential film critics, says that Hollywood has gone too far this year with sadistic mayhem. "When I was a teenager, we went to the movies to see how adults lived. Now kids go to the movies to see how they die."

Other critics are levelling broader charges against the modern film, whether comedy or thriller, of being "sound bites", paucity of plot and obligatory happy ending. In a much

talked-about polemic in *Atlantic Monthly*, Marc Crispin Miller, a professor at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, argues in detail that as films have become industrial products in the global marketplace, the makers are homing in on the most infantile human needs, turning out what amounts to reassuring comic-strips with high contents of violence and sex.

With the pressure in Hollywood to turn out language-proof adventures, some of the best directors and actors have been heading for television. Two respected directors, David Lynch and John Sayles, have over the past year won critical acclaim for their offbeat series *Twin Peaks* and *Shannon's Deal*, shown at prime time. Last week, *The New York Times* noted that a "significant sea change has taken

place in popular culture. It is now the typical Hollywood film that is becoming pointless and forgettable and it is television that is showing distinct signs of being provocative and, on occasion, memorable."

In their defence, the Hollywood studios point out that with so much riding on productions, they must seek to minimise the risks of their business.

The biggest money comes from the formula that works best on the world market, which now brings in more than 40 per cent of revenues. These are the "event movies" featuring such men as Cruise, Schwarzenegger, Mel Gibson and Sylvester Stallone. No female stars have as much appeal.

While the world market is important, it is American values that ultimately count. If the audience

fails to rush to the "event movies", the studios will be unable to sustain the spending of recent years, even with their recent influx of Japanese investment. "I think the industry is heading for a readjustment," said Peter Dekom, a leading industry lawyer, in the *Los Angeles Times*. "It will have to change the way it does business. You can't go on paying \$3 million to screenwriters and \$15 million to actors."

Hollywood is now waiting for the public response to a second wave of new films, some more romantic than violent. Among them is *Presumed Innocent*, a courtroom drama starring Harrison Ford. If none of the would-be blockbusters take off, the studios may think about scaling down the gore and explosives next time around.



# Havana 'agents' raided embassy

FROM PETER GREEN  
IN PRAGUE

South Africans wanted a multi-party democracy based

he said, would provide an indispensable underpinning for democracy in the republic.

**One of 25 firemen hurt in the fire in New York's Empire State Building is lifted into an ambulance**

and having nervous trembling fits," said Nabila al-Riyami from Oman, who was visiting

ing thing that has happened to us so far in our three days in New York?

ussions would continue, with Cuba over the fate of the original five asylum seekers.

**FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG**

influence on KwaZulu politics, said he was prepared to serve the country on a non-party basis.

\* Prices correct at time of going to press and include delivery charges, number plates, petrol and six months road fund licence.



# Who will cut defence?

Martin Jacques

Britain is crying out for a new role, a new purpose in life. Weighed down by its history, it always looks backwards, rarely forward. Nowhere is this more evident than in the realm of defence. Ever since the war we have been crippled by a level of defence expenditure – the legacy of empire and great-power pretensions – far beyond what we could afford. As a result, Britain spent considerably more of its GDP on defence than other European countries, and scarce resources were directed to military rather than industrial ends.

We now have an opportunity to break with that costly inheritance. The cold war is over, the enemy has faded in the reason for all that expenditure and all those commitments no longer exist. Now is the moment to make a fundamental break with the past. But will we rise to the occasion? Or will the end of the cold war and the last vestiges of Britain's great-power status be accompanied by indecision, fudge and trauma?

The evidence so far is not encouraging. At the beginning of the year there was much talk of a peace dividend, of large cuts in defence as the reward for victory in the cold war. But the debate about defence remains profoundly muted. Indeed it is virtually confined to the ministry of defence and the service chiefs. Compared with the situation in other European countries we have barely left the starting block. At the end of the recent Nato summit, President Mitterrand predicted that all 50,000 French troops would be withdrawn from Germany, while the two Germanies have agreed to halve their combined armed forces. Meanwhile Britain, which has a higher proportion of its army in Germany than any other country, more than a third, is conspicuous by its silence.

Of course there will be cuts – there have been some already – but those envisaged before the next election, perhaps £3 billion at most, are small beer in a total defence budget of more than £21 billion. Moreover, these cuts are essentially Treasury-driven, an exercise in pruning rather than fundamental restructuring. And the latest news about the government's "Options for Change" defence review is that Tom King's caution is likely to prevail over the radicalism of Alan Clark, his defence procurement minister.

Yet there is some reason to believe that Mrs Thatcher offers more hope of a fundamental break with traditional defence policy than anyone else. She is a radical at heart: she is invulnerable to the charge of being weak on defence; and she is prepared to take on powerful vested interests, including one suspects, the defence establishment. There is also a strong free-market case against the present defence arrangements. The argument on the hustings is

not difficult to imagine: the war is over, our policy of strength has triumphed, now for the rewards.

But there are also powerful arguments pointing the other way. Like the Tory party itself, Mrs Thatcher is so much identified with strong defence that it will be difficult for her to change. She is likely to be wary of occupying ground which historically has belonged to Labour. And her reaction to the events of 1989 has hitherto been profoundly cautious and conservative.

Yet Labour looks an even more unlikely bet. After taking a hammering for its unilateralism in the 1983 and 1987 elections, it is petrified of the defence question. Labour would fear the charge of being the government that disarmed Britain; it would be weak in the face of opposition from the defence establishment; and it lacks any real imagination or vision on foreign policy. Its contribution to the post-1989 debate has been little short of pathetic. Furthermore, at a time when it is playing safe on every other score, it is difficult to see Labour embracing radical defence plans.

In fact Labour has opted out of the debate. It has had virtually nothing to say. Clark and Tory MP George Walden have offered far more radical solutions. How one misses Denis Healey. One can sympathise with Labour's problem. It is vulnerable on defence, and perhaps that is reason enough for remaining silent, but meanwhile it should at least be preparing some radical plans to be carried out if it is elected. I doubt it is even doing this.

Here then we have a classic crisis of our political culture. No political force looks like responding in the manner that history demands. Even Alan Clark's proposals are too modest. Defence expenditure should be reduced progressively by about 50 per cent over the next five years. We should abandon any pretensions to great-power status or a global role. The British Army of the Rhine should be withdrawn. Our armed forces should have a purely defensive function.

The resulting savings in the Nineties would be enormous, roughly equivalent to government revenue from North Sea oil in the Eighties. This time though, the money should not be squandered on a consumer spending spree we could not afford: it should be earmarked for the industrial infrastructure and education.

One fears, though, that nothing so bold will happen. There will be cuts, quite big ones, but they will not be a product of any major new reorientation. Rather, they will be the result of Treasury pressure, together with the example of a rather more radical response by other European countries. Another historic opportunity will have been squandered. Our decline will continue, a country in search of a new identity.

...and moreover

## CRAIG BROWN

My father, in Sussex, would talk on the phone to his mother in Cornwall at least once a week. They always seemed to spend the first quarter of an hour comparing weather. "What's the weather like with you?" one would say to the other, and off they would go.

It is often wrongly assumed that the English talk so much about the weather because, being polite and reserved, they like to settle upon a neutral topic. But, underneath a veneer of neutrality, weather talk is highly competitive, and this, I think, is why we enjoy it so.

If my father told his mother that it had been drizzling in Sussex, she would reply that it had been absolutely pelting down in Cornwall, to which he would reply that he thought there would be thunder soon, he had never seen the clouds so dark, to which my grandmother would reply that there would probably be an air-sea rescue from St Mawgan in the next few hours.

I had always rather prided myself on lacking the competitive instincts of the rest of my family, and I would smile in lofty bewilderment while this chat went back and forth. Things change, and these days I am occasionally accused of being competitive, particularly by those I challenge to croquet. I tell them that just because I don't allow them to place their foot on their ball while roqueting, and just because tactics might require me to send their ball hurtling past the horizon, this doesn't mean that I'm competitive. I simply like playing the game properly.

Oddly enough, it was while playing such uncompetitive croquet a fortnight ago that I became increasingly aware of masses of thunderbugs swirling over my face, rummaging through my hair, holidaying on my hands. We call them thunderbugs, most people in the village seem to call them "them things", and no doubt you have another name for them. They are tiny little bugs, the size of a full stop, which appear from nowhere, spend a day irritating whoever they can find, and then disappear back to nowhere. They seem to me to be totally

useless creatures, with no aim in life whatsoever, and no talent, or even hobby, in any direction. Obviously, it would be too much to expect them to take up media studies or develop a passion for train-spotting, but generally an insect shows a certain flair for something, even if it is only being ugly or frightening. But no. The thunderbug is so small as to be featureless, and he hasn't even learned how to bite. His only cleverness lies in somehow managing to creep between the glass and the painting in a picture frame, there to end its days, or, more accurately, day, leaving the subject of the painting with what looks like a skin complaint. For the rest of the time, he just hangs around at a perpetual loose end, wondering which area of your body to bother next.

Later that day, I found myself talking on the phone from my house in north Essex to my father in Sussex. I started ranting against the thunderbugs, against their presumption, their imbecility, but above all their ubiquity.

"Oh yes," he said, "we've had those."

"Maybe," I said, "but not like we have had them. They're simply everywhere."

"I know," he said, "they get all over you, don't they?"

"But you can't imagine how many we've had," I insisted.

"Oh, yes, I can," he replied, "because we've had them too, don't forget."

By this time, I had grown very defensive about the amazing number of thunderbugs that had alighted on our house. Come what may, I was determined to prove our thunderbugs more numerous than my parents' thunderbugs.

"OK," I said, testily, "I'll tell you how many there are right now, just on my left hand." I then began counting – one, two, three – all the way up to 18, though I did invent a couple towards the end.

That evening, my brother David arrived from the Newmarket races. "You wouldn't believe how many little midgy things there were," he said as he came through the door. Half an hour later, the argument was still raging.

James LeFanu considers the NHS reforms cumbersome and far removed from Tory philosophy

# Clarke's prescription for bureaucracy

Every household in Britain will shortly receive a health department booklet explaining how much better, thanks to the government's reform proposals, the NHS will be. But unlike the bluntly detailed *Don't Die of Ignorance* campaign in the early days of the Aids epidemic, *The NHS Reforms and You* is discreet to the point of coyness.

We are told that GP "budget-holders" will be able to use the money allocated to them "to arrange the right treatment for you speedily and effectively. The aim is to improve the choice of good quality service..." – but exactly how is not made clear.

Perhaps the most difficult part of a GP's job is spotting, among the waves of patients passing through the surgery with their trivial, neurotic complaints, the few who are seriously ill and should be referred to specialists. In theory the referral can be to any consultant in the country. If your GP feels that Mr Sawbones FRCS is the best man to do your heart bypass graft or knee replacement, he can send you to him. It may seem an extravagant arrangement, but the founders of the NHS believed this was the only way the

humblest patients could be guaranteed the best attention. In practice of course, the system rarely works like that. Most referrals are made to consultants of the local hospital, but when the GP believes that, for example, a local heart surgeon is not up to scratch, he has the right to refer his patients to someone else. All pretty simple and straightforward.

Under the new proposals, a budget-holding practice has to negotiate with a number of hospitals to find which will provide the best deal for a particular operation. The criteria are vague, and it will be difficult to be sure that a hospital offering a cheaper operation is not economising on essentials. Once the decision is made, a contract is agreed. The legal status of these contracts is uncertain, but they are complex. In America they run to 26 pages, plus appendices.

If, for example, hospital X offers the best deal on open heart surgery, all patients will go there; similarly, hospital Y will monopolise knee replacements. When the operation is over, a bill will be sent to the practice, and this has to be scrutinised by the family practitioner committee (FPC), which pays it on behalf of the practice. The bill is then returned to the practice to be entered into its accounts, which have to be returned to the FPC annually for approval. This procedure must be followed for each patient at every hospital with which the practice has a contract.

Such an arrangement requires each practice to have a sophisticated computer system to keep track of all its patients, where they are going, what is happening to them, and whether the bills have been paid. This needs trained staff, as well as far more managers, clerical staff, lawyers and accountants in hospitals to supervise the other side of the agreements.

The proposals will have three consequences. First, being time-consuming for doctors, they will reduce the GP's commitment to the banal but important treatment of minor illness and to holding patients' hands and consoling them. Second, they will restrict the GP's referral options. Even if Mr Sawbones is the best person for a particular operation, the GP cannot seek his opinion unless the practice has a contract with his hospital. And third, the reforms will be inordinately costly, and the

money spent on battalions of extra staff will be unavailable for patient care.

The referral system will not, however, be allowed to become as tortuous as I have outlined. Some adjustments will have to be made. For example, a budget-holding practice might decide to have only one contract – with its local hospital – and a contingency fund for special referrals, which is exactly what happens now, though the method of payment is infinitely less convoluted.

So why should GPs seek to become budget-holders? In part it is a challenge: for some, wheeling and dealing with hospitals may be a pleasant diversion from treating coughs and colds. And there is the sweetener offered by Kenneth Clarke, the health secretary – an initial, non-refundable grant of £16,000 this year and a further £32,000 next year – which though not quite up to British Aerospace standards is not to be shrugged off.

It is important to Mr Clarke that his reforms should appear to work, so budget-holding practices have him over a barrel, and can expect to be given privileged status. At the end of the day, little will have changed, because only a

small minority of practices (covering perhaps 2 per cent of the population) will have the drive or ability to work the new system. The others will carry on as before, although their freedom of referral will be seriously curtailed.

The transformation of a simple referral system into one of baroque complexity can be paralleled in virtually all Mr Clarke's reforms. Administering our supposedly efficient NHS costs 4 per cent of the total budget; in America, whose market principles we are to adopt, the figure is nearer 20 per cent. The NHS is, in fact, the cheapest and most comprehensive health service in the western world.

The reforms disregard three fundamental Conservative principles: that institutions are not perfectible, that it is a mistake to try to fix something that is already working, and that throwing money at problems is no solution. No wonder Mr Clarke's leaflet is so lacking in details.

One final point. The £3 million of taxpayers' money spent on producing and distributing this piece of propaganda would buy 1,000 kidney transplants. The author is a south London GP.

# Rise to the challenge or retire to the doghouse

Leon Brittan urges a more positive British contribution to Europe – and defends the role of the Commission

Amid its spectacular rhetoric, Nicholas Ridley's *Spectator* interview raised two serious questions which deserve a considered response. Does a united Germany threaten to dominate the European Community, and if so how should that danger be handled? Second, is it acceptable that a non-elected body, the European Commission, should exercise its current role?

The conclusion reached at the Chequers seminar was that Germany and the German people have clearly emerged from the restless expansionism of the early years of the century and the diseased politics of the Thirties and Forties. Of course the German economy is the strongest in Europe, and after a period of adaptation, the addition of East Germany will further increase its strength. The Deutschmark, after all, is already the central pillar of the European Monetary System.

But it does not follow that a united Germany will dominate the Community economically in any sinister sense. Indeed up to now Germany's economic stability has been an asset to the Community. It provides a growing market for European industry, and has helped to finance expenditure in many other EC countries. As we move towards the 1992 single market, the opportunities offered to countries such as Britain will be even greater. Who would have thought, five years ago, that the German market for financial services, such as insurance, would be opened up to British companies? But that is now steadily happening.

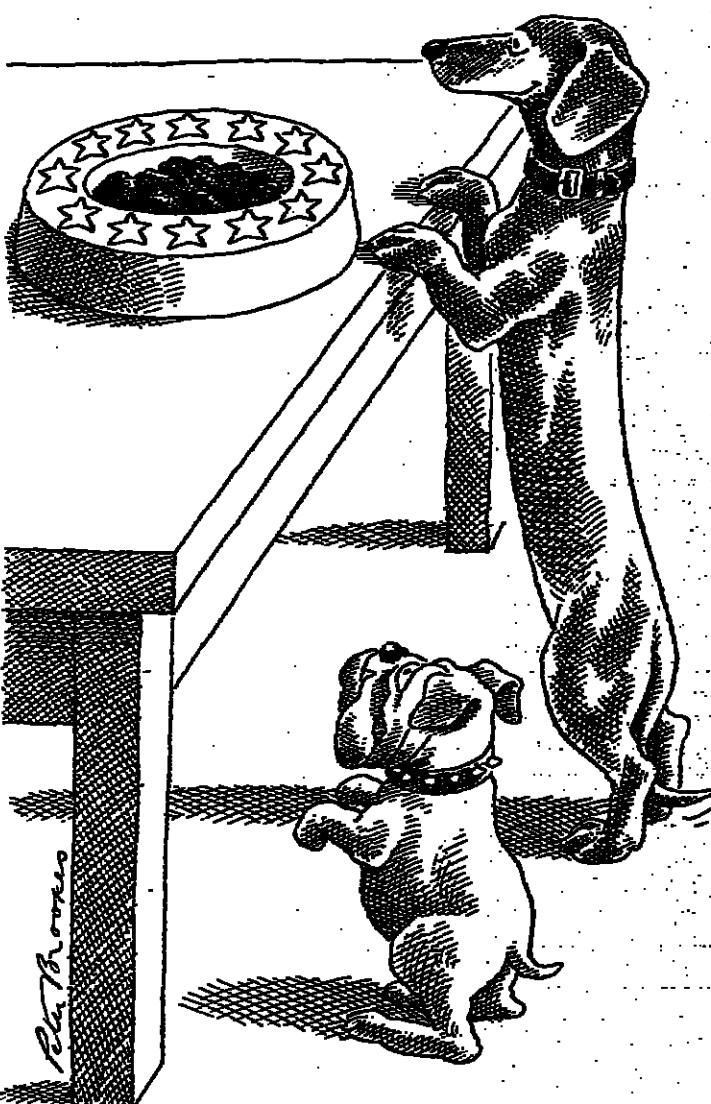
Let us suppose, however, that there is a real risk of a damaging form of domination. What should we do to prevent it? The French have a clear appreciation of the position, and they have far more cause to be worried than the British. Their view is that the best protection is to make sure that a united Germany is more firmly committed than ever to a

Community growing steadily more integrated economically. Additionally, if Germany's strength threatens to create an unbalanced Community, the way to deal with that is for Britain to be as active a participant as possible, so providing an effective counterweight. If Britain stays on the sidelines, preferring to remain in the slow lane in a two-speed Europe, German domination will be much more likely. By staying on the periphery, we would be without power or influence, and would simply be left to implement whatever emerged from Brussels and Berlin.

The alternatives are clearly shown by the specific question of European monetary union. Either we have an independent European central bank, of a federal character, in which all the member states are involved and represented, and which is constitutionally committed to maintaining monetary stability, or the rest of Europe follows the German tune in a Deutschmark zone (we have already seen Britain obliged to follow the Bundesbank within 20 minutes of its putting up interest rates).

There can be no doubt that Germany would be less dominant in the proposed Eurofunds than it is today – that is precisely why the Bundesbank has had such serious reservations about monetary union – but the worst of all courses would be for monetary union to go ahead and for Britain to stay outside it. In that case, we would be buffeted by an economic colossus over which we had no say whatsoever.

It is, then, through EC institutions that anxieties about Germany can best be allayed, and the Commission has a particular role to play. Two days ago, as commissioner responsible for competition policy, I was in Berlin discussing with the East German prime minister, Lothar de Maiziere, and some of his colleagues the competition problems posed by current mergers of large West



mission are not approved by the council, they simply accumulate dust. Is that such an undemocratic process?

If there is a democratic deficit, it is because national parliaments feel they have insufficient control over what the ministers in the council do on their behalf. This problem can be partly solved by improving national procedures for scrutinising European legislation. In addition, there is a strong case for creating a committee of national parliaments to bring together representatives of those parliaments with the power to require the council of ministers to explain its proposals, and to advise whether legislation at European level is necessary or whether issues should be dealt with by member states individually.

Even if such a proposal were adopted, anybody who has seen the council of ministers at work will confirm that without the Commission as an engine, the Community would not motor. The 12 ministerial drivers, however, can readily switch off the engine if they want to.

Would an elected Commission be better? I suspect I am not alone among my colleagues in being quite ready to stand for election almost all – but is that really what the critics want when they make jokes about the unelected Commission? I doubt it. For if the Commission were directly elected, it would quickly become an embryo government. Democratic legitimacy would inevitably make it far more powerful than it is at present. To elect the members of the Commission would be to take a major, and probably decisive step towards federalism.

I do not advocate such a step. In the current state of Community development, it is right that the Commission should propose, while the council of ministers and the parliament dispose. The Commission is indispensable, but it need not be made more powerful. Those who jibe at it for being unelected have not considered the political consequences of taking their jibe seriously. That is one more illustration of the dangers of rhetoric supplanting reason.

The author is vice-president of the European Commission.

## Coe piqued at the post

Celebrity status ought to give prospective MPs a head start over their rivals, but Sebastian Coe is finding it a two-edged sword. The Olympic gold medalist has long been called upon to open supermarkets, garden fêtes and other events, but since his selection as Tory candidate for Falmouth and Camborne he has found that such invitations in Cornwall have dried up, and in some cases have been withdrawn, after pressure by political opponents. He had a long-standing commitment, for example, to open a summer fête at Trengwethal House, a home for mentally handicapped children, but the Friends of Trengwethal House have now asked him not to come "following representations about the political nature of such an invitation". Coe says: "This is their big fund-raising event of the year, and I was looking forward to meeting the children and their families. It's very sad. I have long supported fund-raising events for charities all over the country. Politics doesn't come into it."

Coe's Labour opponent, John Cosgrove, says: "He gets invitations from all over the place simply because he's a celebrity. That's why he gets far more publicity than me." He adds, though somewhat unconvincingly, "Not that I mind."

Over to Hampstead and Highgate, which actress Glenda Jackson hopes to wrest for Labour. There is no sign yet of the Tories putting the same pressure on organisers of local events, but Mrs

Thatcher, alive to Jackson's appeal, has already promised to make two visits to the constituency in support of Oliver Letwin, architect of the poll tax and one of her favourite advisers. Jackson is flattered but unperturbed: "I hope she comes more often – every visit would be worth a couple of thousand votes to me."

Seb's blue because nobody wants him or is it vice versa



## Force of numbers

Nicholas Ridley received some unlikely support yesterday over his fears of German domination of Europe. With Helmut Kohl and Mikhail Gorbachev clearing the decks for a united Germany, Labour MEPs are becoming alarmed about the potential effect on the delicate balance of the European Parliament, in which at present Britain, France, Germany and Italy each has 61 seats. Brussels is buzzing with rumours that Kohl wants another 17 million people of East Germany.

Labour MEP Alan Donnelly,



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who leads the European parliament's committee looking into German reunification, says: "I am against that sort of increase. Any increase should be only nominal." Labour would also oppose German demands for an additional EC commissioner or extra voting rights in the council of ministers. However, Donnelly's conclusion is rather different from Ridley's: "Those who fear the economic strength of a united Germany should realise the one way to contain it is by a strong EC." Labour's traditional concern for the unemployed may also temper its enthusiasm for reunification. What will western diplomats in East Berlin do once their embassies cease to exist?

## Royal rejection

A book about royal mistresses by a member of the royal family ought to be a hot property. Perhaps Princess Michael of Kent's effort was not hot enough, for Michael Joseph – for reasons it refuses to divulge – has not only rejected her manuscript but asked her to pay back an £80,000 advance.

"She is going to move to

German firms and East German monopolies. He readily accepted that the Community is entitled to raise these matters, and that the Commission is the proper guardian of the interests of other member states – and indeed of other German enterprises – which might be adversely affected.

So is it objectionable that the Commission is an unelected body? To answer that question, we must appreciate the extent to which the EC has become a pole of attraction throughout Europe and well beyond, mainly because it is manifestly moving rapidly towards its proclaimed goal of the 1992 single market and is undertaking a range of new tasks, such as spearheading assistance to Eastern Europe.

This dynamism would not be possible without effective decision-making. That is provided by the combination of a Commission with the unique right to make proposals and implement those which are adopted, and a council of ministers and parliament which decide whether the proposals are acceptable. The council of ministers consists of the representatives of democratically elected national governments, while the parliament is directly elected. If the proposals put forward by the non-elected Com-

## Anons and rebels

The "alternative party of the year" takes place tonight on board a Thames floating drinkery to launch a collection of essays on post-Thatcher Britain entitled *The Alternative*. Not the sort of event at which senior Tories would wish to be seen, if only because of the picture of Mrs Thatcher proclaiming the words "We were wrong" on the invitation card. Ben Pimlott, the left-leaning editor, insists though that the launch will be an all-party affair. So which Tory politicians will be there rubbing their alternative shoulders with the likes of Labour's Bryan Gould and Bill Rodgers of the Liberal Democrats? Edward Heath? Michael Heseltine? Sir Anthony Meyer? "I can't possibly tell you," says Pimlott. "If you print their names you will scare them off."

## Pinter preserved

Antonia Fraser and Harold Pinter deserted the literary salons of London yesterday for the South Downs – not for the fresh air but to receive honorary

doctorates of letters from Sussex University. Lady Antonia was honoured for her contribution to the writing of history, her reclusive husband for his contributions to the university. Foremost among these is a video of the first production of his short play *Mountain Language*, staged at the university last year with Pinter himself playing every part.

"It was an incredible performance. He did all the voices, male and female, with hardly any props. We were spellbound," says Francis Groversmith of the faculty of English. What's more it is sure to become a collector's – or even a bootlegger's – item. "He allowed the video recording on condition that it be kept in the library, used only by students and never shown outside," says a university spokesman. Despite the restrictions, Pinter's gift was more substantial than that of most other recipients of Sussex honorary degrees. Paul McCartney, the last so honoured, didn't even give them a song.

## Unyielding Castle

Barbara Castle has snubbed two Labour prime ministers by not asking either to introduce her when she takes her seat in the Lords today. The former cabinet minister says she has been "inundated" with requests from Labour people wanting to introduce her but has turned down the party's two most senior peers, Lords Wilson and Callaghan, in favour of Baroness Serota, a lifelong friend. "Although Jim sacked me, and we argued on so many issues, I do not bear a grudge," she says. So what can Lord Wilson have done to offend her?





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## THE MISSING MEMORANDUM

The idea that democratic government invariably means open government is an illusion. A cabinet or Whitehall department cannot sensibly conduct every conversation or exchange of views as if it were a public hearing. Newspapers may choose to pretend otherwise amid the exhilaration of a scoop, but they know that a degree of confidentiality is important in any organisation if colleagues are to treat frankly with each other. Open up one forum to public gaze and real argument will assuredly retreat further behind a wall of secrecy.

A sound democracy lays down the parameters of public debate and disclosure but also ensures that, within the bounds of confidentiality, the freest possible flow of diverse views can take place. This is clearly in the public interest. In terms of smooth government, therefore, the leaking of a memorandum purporting to give an account of Mrs Thatcher's meeting of academic and other specialists on German history is regrettable. This is not because it has embarrassed ministers but because it risks inhibiting informal discussion between the prime minister and non-political experts. That a prime minister, particularly one so reputedly anti-German, should call this gathering for a long-term policy review was to her credit. She must now regret ever straying beyond her close coterie.

The damage was compounded by the sensational style in which the prime minister's foreign affairs secretary, Charles Powell, chose to record the discussion. The offending list of alleged German traits at the start of the memorandum was of attitudes which the participants were invited to discuss, not endorse. The meeting had been no secret. It was discussed at the Königsplatz Anglo-German conference in April and, as the prime minister said in the Commons yesterday, formed part of the background of the speech which she gave in the presence of Chancellor Kohl. What should have been private were the discussions that preceded its drafting.

There is only one response to this incident. A safe rule for any political discussion is that

what is put on paper is on some sort of "record" and at risk of disclosure. This document, explosive language and all, was sent by Mr Powell round the private office network, to the Treasury and the British embassy in Bonn. Students of modern Whitehall will say that he might as well have sent it to the Press Association.

But what are the obligations of newspapers in receipt of such material? Is their job — in this case that of the *Independent on Sunday* and *Der Spiegel* — to look at the document, say "Tut tut, how could Mr Powell be so injudicious; we must protect the public from his indiscretion!" and throw it in the wastepaper basket? Should newspapers go further and weigh the future for Anglo-German relations of this seminar, act as arbiters on Downing Street activities, mediate between the business of government and the information of democracy?

There are times when newspapers should adopt a self-denying ordinance about publication: national security or threats to the lives of individuals are obvious examples. The Chequers seminar was not such a case. For newspapers to play the part of politicians and guard political flanks is the thin end of a dubious wedge. The purpose of a newspaper is to pass on to its readers information that it has received where that information is true and of assistance to readers in forming judgments about public affairs.

Mrs Thatcher said yesterday that, whereas she has been accused of being isolated, she is now being unfairly criticised for consulting with people outside government. Nor should she conclude that such seminars must be abandoned as a result. She should merely ensure that her aides, if they must put their thoughts on paper, do so accurately and with common sense. She should also be more discreet in her own views on Anglo-German relations. Had it not been for the Ridley affair and the wide publicity given to her scepticism towards German unity, the Chequers memorandum might have been discarded as an aberration. The context made it news and Mrs Thatcher's views are part of the context.

## THE POLISH QUESTION

The faces at the Paris window of yesterday's "two plus four" conference on German reunification were Polish. Unless Europe is careful, the German Question may soon become the Polish Question. Last night came news that all parties, including the Poles, would be satisfied with a treaty to guarantee the Polish-German border to be ratified immediately after German reunification. Other aspects of Polish-German relations could await a later, more comprehensive treaty. But the case is not yet closed.

Mrs Thatcher has long pressed upon Presidents Gorbachev and Bush the right of the Poles to enjoy secure borders with a united Germany. Thanks to her, Warsaw's interests have not been forgotten. Chancellor Kohl can legitimately deny that he has ever entertained territorial ambitions. The two German parliaments have declared that the present border is inviolable. Herr Kohl himself, who looks likely to win the all-German election next December, has promised that after reunification the new Germany will negotiate a treaty with Poland. What more, the Germans ask, do Poles want?

The answer is that Poles want Herr Kohl to ignore the claims of millions of Germans expelled from Silesia, Pomerania and Prussia after the Soviet armies arrived in 1944. Put so baldly, as is rarely the case in diplomatic communiqués, the Polish demand is no longer easy for a German Christian Democrat to satisfy. Extreme German nationalism has lost its appeal in the past six months, because Herr Kohl is now delivering something that most Germans never thought they would live to see. But Poles are concerned that Germans would soon return to ancestral estates in Poland to claim their property, as is happening in East Germany. Few Poles fear the German army, but many believe that, given the chance, the Germans will buy them out.

To renounce utterly the borders of 1937 would require a reversal of decisions by the West German constitutional court in Karls-

ruhe. The court's rulings have established that the old Reich still exists as a legal entity, and will continue to do so until a new peace treaty formally ties up the loose ends of the second world war. No such general treaty is likely.

Nobody who knows the Federal Republic's legal system can doubt the benevolent intentions of the judges of Karlsruhe. Yet their refusal to legitimise the arbitrary post-war dispensation in central Europe could become an impediment to future tranquility. The Reich of 1937 must be laid to rest. Only German judges can drive a stake through its heart.

The other Polish demand, for a treaty before German unification, may be impractical as the Germans claim; but there is no reason why the newly sovereign German legislature should not ratify the existing borders in short order. To reassure the Poles, the Big Four should retain some occupation rights for as long as Polish-German negotiations might take.

There remains the delicate question of reparations, which Herr Kohl clumsily brought into the open last February. Potential Polish claims could run into hundreds of billions of D-marks. Germans are understandably anxious for Warsaw to declare a moratorium before giving the Poles what they want. The Polish state should renounce its own claims, in return for writing off existing Polish debts. Individual cases could be dealt with on their merits in German courts, where other victims of the Nazis have generally had fair treatment.

Many Germans fear a further huge influx of Polish immigrants after reunification. The long-term answer is, of course, to make Poland a member of the European Community, so that migrant Poles are evenly spread throughout Western Europe. Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the Polish premier, should be prepared to agree to reasonable limits on Polish immigration to Germany in return for secure Polish borders. The Polish question must not be ducked, but only the Germans and the Poles can answer it for the rest of Europe.

## FRENCH LESSON FOR THE LAW

There is now a growing uncertainty about the efficiency and fairness of the English system of criminal justice. Sir Peter Imbert, the Metropolitan police commissioner, has done a significant service in his interview with *The Times*, published today, by his suggestion that the French prosecution system may have lessons for England and Wales (less so for Scotland). He is not suggesting that English prosecution procedures should imitate the delay and secrecy which sometimes mar French justice. He meant the institution known as the *juge d'instruction* or, in slang, the *petit juge*, the examining magistrate.

In France all criminal investigation before trial is supervised by an official who is technically a member of the judiciary. He (or increasingly she) takes charge of the case either from the outset or, in serious crime, after a short interval. The examining magistrate interrogates a suspect and witnesses, even confronting them with each other if he thinks fit. In principle, the magistrate's job is to decide where the truth lies. He can instruct the police to pursue whatever lines of enquiry emerge from these interrogations, changing tack if necessary.

In England these decisions are left to the police, with consequences which sometimes tend to divert the course of justice. In notorious cases detectives are under great pressure to get a conviction and the search for "what actually happened" can be forgotten. The English system is open to abuse where confessions are concerned. There is at least in theory an attractive fairness and objectivity in the French approach.

The Crown Prosecution Service has now been operating long enough to see whether it

has come up to expectations and the consensus is that it has not. The government working group on the CPS is to consider recent severe criticisms made by a Commons select committee. It should treat the mismatch between the CPS and the police as fundamental. The fault is not resentful policemen or incompetent lawyers but bad design of the relation between detection and prosecution. To involve lawyers much earlier in the investigation would be a move towards the French system. The CPS would begin to tell the police what sort of evidence to look for, what further forensic tests to run, what kind of questions to put to witnesses.

The CPS lawyers should be able to question suspects and witnesses themselves. As they would ultimately be responsible for the way the case was to be presented in court, they would come to direct the course of the enquiry as a whole. With the addition of judicial oversight, they would thus become examining magistrates, English *juges d'instruction*.

At present the police have to anticipate the likely requirements of the CPS, which has begun to assume some of the screening and filtering functions performed by magistrates in preliminary committal proceedings. In far too many cases — some 130,000 last year — the service decided not to let a prosecution go any further because the evidence was not good enough or of the wrong sort. There must be better ways of improving the CPS than by further criticism or by simply pouring in more money and lawyer-power. There must be better ways of associating the police with the CPS and with the conduct of the eventual trial. The commissioner's suggestion is a fertile one.

## Wishful thinking about defence

From Admiral of the Fleet  
Sir Henry Leach

Sir, Less than a year ago no one would have conceived that events in Eastern Europe, and indeed in the Soviet Union itself, could have moved in the direction and at the pace that has recently occurred. Released from long years of repression, it is small wonder that the people in the countries concerned should indulge in initial euphoria.

But you cannot run a country on euphoria; like a vacuum it needs to be replaced by something more substantial. Already we are seeing increasing signs of anarchy creeping in. It is to be hoped that in due course wisdom and administrative prudence will reassert themselves. Meanwhile the situation is, at best, unstable.

More disturbing and still more surprising is that this euphoria has spilled over to the West and particularly to the UK. Already loose talk is rife that there is no longer a threat and that consequently the armed forces can be enormously reduced. Experienced men endowed with intelligence if not with statesmanship proclaim these things on television and radio and a gullible public laps them up.

So too, apparently, do ministers. Backed by greed to acquire big money quickly (and so alleviate the burden of the poll tax) the temptation to cut the services arbitrarily and ruthlessly becomes irresistible.

Events that can change so quickly for the better can change for the worse with equal rapidity. Forgotten, too, is the inconvenient truth that we are now facing a situation of instability which is unparalleled since 1939 — and that for all its unpleasantness and suspicion we have, for the past 45 years, enjoyed a position of confrontation which we in the West had learned how to handle and which was relatively stable.

This is, therefore, a plea for

statesmanship. If affairs to the East develop as they seem likely to (and as I fervently hope they will) of course there will need to be a significant adjustment to our defence posture, including reductions. But the responsible way ahead today is to dwell a statesmanlike pause, to await confirmation of developments which, it is to be hoped, will validate assumptions. It is not to fly in the face of history.

Yours faithfully,  
HENRY LEACH,  
Winston Lodge,  
Winchester,  
Hampshire,  
July 13.

From the General Secretary of the  
Marine Society

Sir, May I add to Admiral of the Fleet Lord Leach's thoughtful and probing letter (July 6)? While ships, naval or commercial, may be built and equipped in months, it takes years to train the manpower needed to operate them. It is to be hoped therefore that the Government, when considering the Royal Navy in its defence review, will heed the lesson learnt by the UK-registered fleet which is now short of qualified officers as a direct result of minimum recruitment in response to the shipping recession of the past decade.

A thorough assessment of all the roles undertaken by the Royal Navy in maintaining peace and the defence of our maritime communications is essential before adjusting recruitment targets. It is easy to stop recruiting but hard to re-start as confidence is lost, and no one can predict total harmony between human beings on this planet nor the resolution of every difference round a table.

Yours sincerely,  
RICHARD FRAMPTON,  
General Secretary,  
The Marine Society,  
202 Lambeth Road, SE1,  
July 9.

## Farming services

From the Director-General of the  
Country Landowners Association

Sir, Your leading article, "A fair and CAP-free land" (July 13), suggests that "planning regulations... should... encourage farmers to become custodians of the countryside".

Unfortunately, with the best

will in the world, planning regulations cannot encourage. They are negative and they discourage — which is sometimes useful but not what is needed here.

The initiative must come from landowners and farmers. They are independent, self-employed businesses. That is what they should remain. That is why the Country Landowners Association has proposed that owners and farmers should provide environmental land management services (Elms) under contract to whoever wants to buy them. The customers could be private persons, local conservation groups, recreational organisations, local authorities or cen-

tral government and its agencies.

As examples, owners would maintain habitats, provide leisure facilities, improve local landscapes, co-operate in making new roads environmentally acceptable and enter into agreements with central government and the national conservation bodies for works of environmental enhancement meriting the expenditure of Government money.

Owners would have to be paid for their services but a better countryside and an improved rural environment do not come free.

For their part, the purchasers of Elms would demonstrate by spending money, or withholding it, which parts of the rural environment mattered to them.

Yours faithfully,  
JAMES DOUGLAS,  
Director-General,  
Country Landowners  
Association,  
16 Belgrave Square, SW1,  
July 13.

## Computer education

From Mr Philip Virgo

Sir, If our education system reflected the intentions of Mother Nature (July 13) girls should excel in computing even in co-educational establishments.

The best correlation of computing ability with any traditional educational qualification is with performance at O-level English language.

The ability to parse sentences and construct grammatically correct arguments is closely related to the disciplines of commercial computer programming. The mastery of calculus is not.

There is some evidence that even the logical abilities used in the most technical areas of programming, like so-called "mathematically provable software", may be better developed by the study of Latin than by that of linear mathematics.

Your report that too few girls are taking up jobs in computing (July 10) reflects a very serious situation. The range and variety of careers offered by computing and IT (Information Technology) should be of natural interest to the majority of girls.

Yours faithfully,  
PHILIP VIRGO  
(Vice-Chairman,  
Professional Board,  
British Computer Society),  
2 Eastbourne Avenue, W3.

## Identifying palaces

From Mr Nicholas Jenkins

Sir, Your Diary piece on a new corporate identity for historic royal palaces (July 12) implied that the problem can be solved by the overall application of the ubiquitous logo. Whilst such devices do play an important part in anchoring peoples' perceptions, they can only ever be a pivot around which more important considerations can revolve.

Being the consultant involved, I can assure the faint-hearted that the palaces will retain their individual historic personalities, that their best aspects will be enhanced and awareness of some of their lesser known qualities will be increased.

The imposition of the dead hand of an inflexible corporate identity is not what we have in mind.

Yours faithfully,  
NICHOLAS JENKINS  
(Corporate Design Director),  
The Jenkins Group,  
9 Tufton Street, SW1,  
July 12.

## Ancient hooligans

From Mr Godfrey Dodds

Sir, In the border country football played in the 16th century (letter, July 12) was described as "a friendly kind of fight". During a game in May 1583 one player "did stroke the opponent's leg and received in reply a sore fall".

In consequence these gentlemen "secretly appointed to meet alone in the fields the next morning" and it was only with difficulty that the King was able eventually to reconcile the parties.

Yours faithfully,  
GODFREY DODDS,  
26 Elmhurst Road,  
St Peter's Road,  
Croydon, Surrey,  
July 12.

## Legal costs

From Mr Charles Martin

Sir, Mr A. Wigram's letter (July 11) seeks to suggest reforms to the legal system particularly relating to the question of legal costs based upon what are clearly his own experiences of a very limited and unrepresentative group of solicitors, namely those situated within the City of London.

The catastrophic effect on small firms and private individuals could quite easily be avoided by shopping around; several other solicitors would be happy to undertake their work at more competitive charges. The fact that there are no scale charges means that some firms do charge far less than others and I would, of course, argue that there is no "magic" to being represented by a City firm.

Mr Wigram also seems to have ignored the fact that overheads have increased considerably in the last few years and this will of course affect solicitors far more in areas such as the City of London where rents are no longer anything like they were five to six years ago.

Yours faithfully,  
CHARLES MARTIN,  
Ian Guyter & Co (Solicitors),  
Edinburgh House,  
40 Great Portland Street, W1,  
July 11.

From Mr John E. Burman

Sir, The remedies Mr Wigram proposes will do nothing to make justice more available or cheaper for the small business.

If individuals conduct their own cases, as is suggested, their chances of success against a legally represented party are reduced.

A scale of charges for legal work is a good idea, but at what rate? The history of the government

## Community care's ups and downs

From the Chairman of Durham  
Health Authority

Sir, The recent Royal Assent to the NHS and Community Care Act emphasises again the policy of moving into the community from long-stay hospitals some patients with mental handicap, a policy which has been the subject of much criticism as a cost-cutting measure not related to the quality of care of the patients. However, as a new chairman of a health authority, I have been particularly impressed by the results.

Since 1986 Durham Health Authority has been implementing the policy of the Northern Regional Health Authority, aimed at transferring a small number of patients to selected community placements, with appropriate transfer of funds.

In collaboration with Durham County Council and a representative charity we have established since 1988 a system of monitoring the quality of care of those 35 patients so transferred, with the aim of ensuring that the standards in the community were at least as good as those experienced previously in the hospital. We have demonstrated that there is a high quality of life for the patients in their new environment and that, with a very few exceptions, none wishes to return to hospital.

The Durham Health Authority therefore commends the scheme to others concerned and suggests that the early criticism has been answered.

Yours faithfully,  
J. I. CLARKE, Chairman,  
Durham Health Authority,  
Appleton House,  
Lanchester Road, Durham,  
July 13.

From Mr Jerry Westall

Sir, Your Social Services Correspondent reports today (July 13) that the junior health minister, Stephen Dorrell, does not think there is evidence to support the view that "excessive vigour" in closing hospitals for the mentally ill has helped to cause the problem of homelessness.

Organisations assisting the homeless, such as St Mungo's and the Salvation Army, have noted an increase in the mentally disturbed in their clientele from some

10 per cent five years ago to 50 per cent today. This may not prove that the policies of the Government as regards closing mental hospitals have been too vigorous but it makes one consider the possibility.

To gain firm evidence research is required. Professor Kathleen Jones completed a report in 1988 on stage one of a schizophrenia tracer project of 749 ex-patients from mental hospitals in London and the North of England. She found 73 per cent were either in their own home or with a relative. Others were in hostels, night shelters or had been discharged to no fixed abode.

Proposals put to the Department of Health to proceed with this vital research were turned down. One wonders if this was not a neat way of avoiding the production of evidence that might question the conventional wisdom.

More immediately, there are proposals to bring forward the closure of Friern Hospital in north London from 1993 to 1991.

Yours faithfully,  
JERRY WESTALL (Research and Communications Officer),  
National Schizophrenia Fellowship,  
28 Castle Street,  
Kingston upon Thames, Surrey,  
July 13.

From Lord Allen of Abbeydale  
and Baroness Seear

Sir, Your leading article on community care (July 12) is timely. In our view it will be a disaster if the community care programme is delayed as is now apparently the Government's intention. Expectations among carers have been raised and local authority plans have been formulated. Any failure to go ahead now will inevitably cause considerable hardship.

The infirm and the handicapped, and the carers on whom the burden of caring falls, lack political muscle, but if their essential needs continue to be neglected in many cases neither the cared for nor the carers will survive.

Yours faithfully,  
ALLEN OF ABBEYDALE,  
SEEAR,  
House of Lords,  
July 12.

## Selecting a surgeon

From Mr Russell Vallance

Sir, John Spiers of the Radical Society as an aside comment on the Prince's fall (July 12) suggests that the names of surgeons, specialists, numbers of operations and outcomes be widely circulated in the interest of consumer choice.

If the enthusiasm of sales representatives from pharmaceutical and medical equipment companies could be restrained and if the tidal wave of junk mail time-share offers and investment opportunities could be held back, then perhaps surgeons would feel easier about their personal details being made available.

But Mr Spiers picks a bad example by mentioning orthopaedic surgery. Usually half of an orthopaedic surgeon's work involves accident cases. And if you have suffered multiple fractures in a car accident, you tend not to want to browse through the track records of orthopaedic surgeons before making an informed choice as to who you would like to operate.

And how would the "outcome" of an operation be evaluated? And by whom? How would Mr Spiers rate an operation to treat bone cancer in a child against a hip replacement for an elderly arthritis patient? Or the repair of damaged muscles in a professional athlete against the reoperation of a baby's club foot?

Yours sincerely,  
RUSSELL VALLANCE (Director),  
The Wishbone Appeal,  
British Orthopaedic Association,  
35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.

## Old and rheumatically

From Dr Maciej Brzeski

Sir, Your report (Science and Technology, July 12) that ancient Egyptians suffered from both osteoarthritis (OA) and rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Whilst OA is globally well documented in antiquity, definite RA is only known since 1785.

Unlike many other common diseases it is not represented in earlier art or literature. It is often considered to be a "modern disease" of industrialisation and of conurbations, caused or triggered by environmental toxins or infectious agents. The rarity of RA in rural but not urban black populations in South Africa is cited to support this view.

Despite the plenitude of skeletal material from ancient Egypt, no convincing evidence of RA exists. Recent research indicates that RA may have existed in Indian tribes in West Kentucky and Alabama as long ago as 2500 BC. RA may thus be ancient, but like tobacco, the potato, and Dvorak's 9th symphony, from the New World.

Yours sincerely,  
MACIEJ BRZESKI,  
Royal Infirmary, Glasgow,  
Centre for Rheumatic Diseases,  
Glasgow G4 0SF,  
July 12.

## Speedier conservation

From Sir Hector Monro, MP for  
Dumfries (Conservative)

Sir, I note that Lord Blakenham and his colleagues (July 16) want to "help" the Government over the Environment Protection Bill. Their proposal is one for further delay and uncertainty.

Whatever the White Paper may say it will not contradict the view that the present NCC (Nature Conservancy Council) will be much more effective when run independently within England, Wales and Scotland, with a scientific overview. There is, also, the exciting concept of "Scottish heritage". The sooner that can be in place the better, combining NCC Scotland and the Countryside Commission for Scotland.

For over a year we have been awash with committees, inquiries and papers. Now is the time for action and passing the Bill will be a major step forward for conservation. Let's get on with it and have stage one in place by April 1991.

Yours etc.,  
HECTOR MONRO,  
House of Commons,  
July 16.

## Not street-wise

From Mr O. D. H. Clauson

Sir, Now that the Americans are driving on the left-hand side of the road, when will the rest of the world follow British practice? Or did you print the picture of the Golden Gate bridge (Saturday Review, July 14) back to front?

Yours faithfully,  
O. D. H. CLAUSEN,  
Applethorpe,  
Ogbourne St George,  
Marlborough, Wiltshire,  
July 16.

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## COURT CIRCULAR

## BUCKINGHAM PALACE

July 17: Mr Anthony Durant, MP (Vice-Chairman of the House of Commons) was received in audience by The Queen and presented Addresses from the House of Commons to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

Lieutenant-General H Y La R Beverly was received by The Queen upon his appointment as Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Marines.

Mr Justice Mantell was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

The Crown Prince of Thailand had the honour of being invited to lunch with The Queen.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the garden of Buckingham Palace for the Royal Warrent Holders' Association.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Princess of Wales were present.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty.

The Band of the Welsh Guards played selections of music during the afternoon.

The Queen held a Council at 6.15pm.

There were present: The Right Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe, MP (Lord President), The Right Hon Tom King, MP (Secretary of State for Defence), The Right Hon Nicholas Scott, MP (Minister of State, Department of Social Security), and the Right Hon John Patten, MP (Minister of State, Home Office).

Peter Lilley, Esquire, MP, was sworn in as a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, received the Seals of Office as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and President of the Board of Trade, took the Oath of Office and kissed hands on appointment.

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister), and First Lord of the Treasury had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chairman of the Inquiry into British Housing, this morning chaired the 5th Anniversary Meeting at the Travellers Club.

Subsequently, His Royal Highness, Master, attended a lunch at Trinity House.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening opened the Queen's Award for Export and Technology exhibition, at the Design Council, Haymarket, London W1.

Major Sir Guy Acland, Bt and Lieutenant-Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN were in attendance.

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## OBITUARIES

**Madge Garland, fashion editor of British Vogue and first professor of fashion at the Royal College of Art, died aged 92 on July 15. She was born in Melbourne, Australia, on June 12, 1898.**

**LADY Ashton, better known as Madge Garland, née McHarg, was the friend of writers and artists, she was one of Cecil Beaton's earliest subjects and was painted by Marie Laurencin. She had great charm and elegance, and an old-fashioned, well-bred manner that belied her determination and professional success. She was no society featherhead, but a key figure in the history of British fashion journalism, the British fashion industry, and the training of fashion designers. A pioneer career woman, she neither exacted nor received the credit she deserved for her achievements and was not even included in *Who's Who*.**

**Her father's business was exporting to Australia and she was born in that country. But she was educated at home in London, in St John's Wood, before going to the International School in Paris in the years leading up to the first world war. In Paris she discovered the arts that were to be the pleasure and business of her life — paintings, travel, haute couture. She was not happy in her family life, and took off as soon as she was of age for an Earl's Court boarding house to earn her own living — an unheard-of step then for a girl who was a lady. Her fair prettiness and her always delicate health were compensated for by an iron will.**

**In 1922 she joined British Vogue, then in cramped quarters in Bream's Buildings off Chancery Lane, as receptionist and typist, while simultaneously taking a typing course. She was married, briefly, to Captain Ewart Garland (the father, by his second marriage, of the theatre director Patrick Garland). She became the protégée of Dorothy Todd, the formidable editor of *Vogue*, and their friendship inspired a famous parody of a famous line: "A Garland is a lovely thing, Todd wot".**

**Dorothy Todd introduced a strong literary content to the magazine, which was then more a society paper than a fashion bible, and commissioned articles and reviews from Virginia Woolf, Raymond Mortimer, V. Sackville-West, Aldous Huxley, and Edith Sitwell. Virginia Woolf described in her diary a dinner party given by Todd and Garland in their flat in Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea.**

**where Rebecca West was a fellow guest: "Todd in sponge bath trousers; Garland in pearls and silk". In 1926 Condé Nast, disliking the bookish tone that Todd gave the magazine, which was losing money, sacked her. Todd threatened to sue, Condé Nast threatened to expose her "morals" and Todd went.**

**Garland left to go freelance, writing for *Women's Wear Daily* in the United States and the *Illustrated London News* and *Britannia* and *Eve* at home. In 1932 she returned to *Vogue* as fashion editor, bringing to British readers the Paris couture of Fauch and Lelong, staying at the Paris Ritz on her visits to the collections. She was able to buy her own clothes *en soldes* from**

**Schiaparelli and Chanel. The war, and the fall of Paris, put a stop to all that.**

**At home, she brought together the London Fashion Group (Hartnell, Stiebel, Molyneux, Peter Russell) and became merchandising manager for the Oxford Street store Bourne and Hollingsworth, doing some designing herself and commissioning from Hardy Amies when he was on leave. After the war she visited the United States to study ready-to-wear marketing methods on behalf of the British fashion industry, and was sent with £1,000 of government money to Paris, under the auspices of the Council for Industrial Design, to buy the accessories for the "New Look" — gloves, shoes and underwear — for British manufacturers to copy.**

**In 1947 the principal of the Royal College of Art, Sir Robin Darwin, invited her to found the first British school of fashion. As Professor Garland, she opened the school in a house in Ennismore Gardens, South Kensington, the following year. She had to invent, and then establish, a degree course. Finding that art teachers had no industrial experience, she brought in cutters and other professionals from the trade, and worked with Manchester textile manufacturers to get the materials and designs she needed. Gina Fratini and David Sassoon were among her most successful students. After the school's first full-scale show in 1956 she resigned her chair at the Royal College (she was succeeded by Janey Ironside).**

**In 1953 she married Sir Leigh Ashton, then director of**

**the Victoria and Albert Museum. The marriage lasted less than a year though they were not divorced until 1962, and she always retained the name Lady Ashton for formal purposes. During the 1960s she produced five books on fashion, beauty and the history of costumes. Her home was in Clarendon Road, Holland Park, where she proved she was also a talented gardener.**

**Her long old age — she passed her final years being cared for in a convent — were difficult for her. She was always pleased to meet new people, even when she was reduced to a fragile, exquisitely dressed bag of bones. With no home of her own to entertain in, she would escape from the nuns and give parties in friends' houses. She had spent all her life fighting and striving. The habit died hard, and so did she. Her sight failed, robbing her of what meant most to her — reading, travelling, pictures (she was a founder member of the Contemporary Arts Society).**

**Ivy Compton-Burnett had been a friend: "Ivy educated me," said Madge Garland. Madge, in her turn, educated her literary friends. Virginia Woolf consulted her about what to wear. She persuaded Ivy out of her habitual unrelieved black. She accompanied and advised Rebecca West when, at 87, the latter decided she needed a mink coat. These two indomitable, West and Garland, went on holiday to Spain together in their old age, and Rebecca West in 1977 inscribed a copy of her *Celebration* to Madge Garland "who is still as exciting to meet as if she were the lovely stranger". That was true for all her friends.**

**Detail from a Cecil Beaton study of Madge Garland**

## MADGE GARLAND



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## ALISON LEGGATT

**Alison Leggatt, British actress, died on July 15. She was 86. She was born on February 8, 1904.**

**ALISON Leggatt was a statuesque and formidably funny deadpan character actress with a career in the theatre which stretched back to 1924, when she won the gold medal from Elsie Fogarty's Central School of Dramatic Art. Though many of her subsequent engagements involved first understudying and later replacing more celebrated actresses in long West End runs, she carved out for herself a unique line in women of aggressive normality frequently surrounded by starker eccentrics.**

**She began her professional career by understudying Fay Compton's Ophelia in London in 1924, and a year later joined the Stratford-on-Avon Shakespeare Company. Back in the West End, she frequently understudied or replaced Athene Seyler and first made her own name in 1927 as the sister in Miles Malleson's *The Fanatics*. It was in 1931 that she first came to the attention of Noel Coward, one of her most regular employers, who first cast her in his epic *Cavalcade* and then in his play *Private Lives*.**

**After long runs in *Cavalcade*, and as one of the daughters in the original production of J. B. Priestley's *Eden End*, Alison Leggatt returned to Coward in 1936 to appear in the one-act plays**

**that made up his *Tonight at 8.30*, usually playing rocks of imperturbable middle-class morality against the more hysterical batterings of Gertrude Lawrence and Coward himself in such scripts as the backstage *Red Peppers* and the Mountbatten parody *Hands Across the Sea*.**

**At the outbreak of the last war she was at the Saville, playing Begonia Brown in Bernard Shaw's historical satire *Geneva*, but for the next decade her principal work was in cast replacement until, in 1950, she opened as Lavinia in T. S. Eliot's *The Cocktail Party*. In that she was told nightly on stage by Rex Harrison "One of the most infuriating things about you has always been your perfect assurance that you understood me better than I understood myself." Perfect assurance was one of Alison Leggatt's stock-in-trade, and recognising her control of his difficult stage verse, Eliot cast her again for**

**The *Confidential Clerk* in 1953.**

**With the coming of the Royal Court's English Stage Society in the later 1950s she was not considered, as were so many of her contemporaries, a relic from some other world of hopelessly dated or stilted grandeur, but instead as an immensely useful matron around whom could be built structures of memorable absurdity.**

**For Harold Pinter (in *A Slight Ache*), for John Mortimer (in *Lunch Hour*), and above all for N. F. Simpson (in *One Way Pendulum*) Alison Leggatt was the bastion of weary but unshockable normality in an increasingly loony world. And it was only at the very end of her career that she returned to period costume for Lady Sweetman in John Arden's *The Workhouse Donkey* (Chichester) and for Lady Pinter in *The Double Dealer* (Royal Court, 1969).**



Portrait of Alison Leggatt

## ANDREW CALDECOTT

**John Andrew Caldecott, CBE, chairman of M & G Group and a member of the Board of Banking Supervision, died on July 14 aged 66. He was born on February 25, 1924.**

**ANDREW Caldecott was one of those unsung heroes who make the City of London tick without ever grabbing headlines. When, in his early forties, he wanted to move from the legal profession into the financial world, he had the right personal contacts to smooth his path. But, once arrived, he quickly became recognised as one of the first people to call when a company felt it needed a lawyer on its board.**

**This process reached its zenith in his case when the governor of the Bank of England, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, personally recommended Caldecott for the Board of Banking Supervision, the body set up to monitor the provisions of the Banking Act. As such it has become the Star Chamber of the British banking industry, and Caldecott was one of its shrewdest and most respected judges.**

**The son of Sir Andrew and Lady Caldecott, he was educated at Eton and, after the second world war, at Trinity College, Oxford. Caldecott's wartime experience was to prove pivotal in his later career. He joined the King's Royal Rifle Corps, becoming a battalion adjutant at the age of 20. After graduating from Oxford, Caldecott qualified as a solicitor in 1951 and joined the firm of Drucis & Antlee. He was made a partner three years later, remaining with the firm until 1969.**

**By then he had begun to gravitate towards the City, joining the board of M & G, the unit trust group, in 1966, and the Equitable Life Assurance Society in 1968. Both needed him, not as a full-time executive, but as someone who could bring a lawyer's mind to bear on issues, analysing them dispassionately and spotting pitfalls. At Equitable Life, where Caldecott was president from 1976 to 1983, he earned admiration for piloting changes in the company's articles of association that accommodated the rights of holders of modern insurance policies without infringing the rights of existing policyholders. The Equitable Life board contained Bobbie Henderson of the merchant bank Kleinwort Benson and Robin Leigh-Pemberton, then of National Westminster Bank. Henderson brought Caldecott into Kleinwort's corporate finance division, where he did much to establish the group's presence in Japan.**

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**At the same time, he had to act as go-between in the delicate changes in M & G's relationship with Kleinwort, in which the bank's shareholding rose from 32 per cent to 42 per cent and then fell to zero. In the early 1980s there were persuasive voices arguing that Kleinwort should take full control of M & G. Caldecott resisted that, and instead the bank bought Grieson's Grant, the stockbrokers.**

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**He was an enthusiastic sportsman and lover of the country. He fished the Kennet regularly, and enjoyed walking, bird-watching, shooting and cricket. In town, he was a member of Boodle's and he followed the music of Shostakovich.**

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## Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the 50th anniversary parade of the Dumfries and Galloway Association at the Ayrshire Military Stadium at 2.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 2.10.

The Princess of Wales will present the Sunday Times/Royal Fine Arts Commission Award at Spencer House, St James's, at 11.30; and, as Patron of the British Deaf Association, will attend a dinner at Hatfield House at 8.00 to mark the centenary of the association.

The Duchess of York, patron, will visit Carr-Gomm's Croydon house, 12 Campbell Road, Thornton Heath, at 10.30.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Association of Victims Support Schemes, will visit Textile Museum Support Scheme, 138 High Park Street, at 9.50; will attend the Liverpool

Polytechnic Degree Awards Ceremony in Liverpool Cathedral at 10.40; and will attend a children's open day at Eggerston Manor, Nottinghamshire, at 2.40 organised by Nottinghamshire Constabulary to mark their 150th anniversary.

Princess Margaret, as President of the Royal Ballet, will attend a performance by the Royal Ballet School at Holland Park Open Air Theatre at 7.50.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, will visit the East of England Show, Peterborough, at 10.15.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the RNLI, will visit lifeboats at Padstow, Cornwall, at 9.35; Port Isaac at 11.00; Bude at 11.45; Appledore, Devon, at 1.30; and Looe, at 2.25; and, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, will take the salute at the evening performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 7.15.

Prince Michael of Kent, patron, will attend a council meeting of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea







## MEDIA

## Find time for the big picture show

Arguments aired in the Lords for hardening-up definitions of broadcasting "due impartiality" constitute a quite unnecessary attempt to close a stable door. The horse has not only bolted, it is also hobbled. This is not of itself a natural by-product of rapid broadcast expansion; plurality of programming should logically lead to greater forthrightness across the board. Lord Orr-Ewing, pressing for added restraint, himself acknowledged the point, only to draw back: "It could be that in five or ten years time, there will be enough channels to get overall balance, but it will be a long time before 50 per cent of the market is not in existing hands." So perhaps tighten the screw one last time.

Yet, in practice, pressure of existing competition, combined with the steady buffeting broadcasters have received from *A Question of Ulster* (1972), through *Real Lives* (1985) and on to *Death on the Rock* (1988), has already led existing hands to favour quick-fix news at the expense of the sort of current affairs that most worries Lord Orr-Ewing and his supporters.

There is no complaint here against the daily diet for what it is. Indeed, the best of the basic bulletins, the BBC's *Six O'Clock News*, is usually a model of uncluttered clarity. On a more extended plain, both *Channel 4 News* and *Newsnight* are increasingly nervous themselves to move beyond the day's obvious agenda, and add an oblique interest and insight. Yet seeing, say, John Simpson manfully trying to do justice to the complexities of some part of turbulent eastern Europe in a few sketched minutes reminds us how rarely today's viewers are allowed to stop and stare. As a consequence, reportage of the crumbling of the communist bloc has been less vividly peopled than was earlier work from Vietnam or Biafra.

Most of all, the occasional large-scale primetime plunge into a major topic seems now to elude television broadcasters. There is no shortage of topics, beyond the Grand European Debate that probably will now occur in the wake of the Ridley soul-searching. Often reporting of the new shape of eastern Europe settles back into the simple-minded reassurance that "western capitalism is winning". If so, at what cost to the self-liberated, and should they simply be expected to stew in the complexities of their victory? Then, on the domestic level, the degree of disrepair in our infrastructure bubbles up in news items after news items, but could stand the sort of long look that tries to quantify just

where the problems are and what might be done about them. On environmental issues, should we and others adopt a "no regrets" policy and, if so, just what does that mean, how is it to be priced and paid for?

The large-scale project is, in part, out of fashion because of the degree of broadcast risk involved. The producer of such programmes is like a conductor trying to steer an under-rehearsed band through an as yet unproven piece. There will be discordant notes, some wrongly played. Hence a preference for the sort of pre-cooked fare of which *Weekend World* made such a speciality, where the analytical boiling served to drain debate of all taste and flavour, the easier to reach safe harbour. But when issues are hotly contested then the heat should be visible on screen, no more so than when they concern our local futures, as well as our place in the world.

There is no serious shortage of existing hands willing to take on the task, and give the sort of devotion to major aspects of public policy that football commands almost routinely. True, those proven veterans, Day, Kennedy and Kee are now effectively removed from front-line broadcasting. But the Dimbleby family offers two candidates who would doubtless

scrap for the privilege; and behind them are many others who would pitch in, if only to question the growing assumption of a Dimbleby broadcasting dynasty. It will be said, too, that audience response will not measure up to the highest levels, perhaps a couple of million on either BBC2 or Channel 4, maybe five million on BBC1 or ITV. But these are the sorts of numbers most newspaper circulation managers would sit up and beg for. That is another good reason for broadcasters not to stay on the sidelines. "Existing hands" have no reason to leave the best times to the press. There is still a commanding position.

Of course, any such programme, forcefully produced, will be found by some to have kinks in it, to tilt this way or that. There is an added potential for embarrassment in that these are not neat issues as between parties; they cross party lines, which makes possible participants — *pauze* Nicholas Ridley — nervous to speak out. That is the producer's headache. As to headaches felt by others, the answer lies in present and future time, as it always has. Broadcasting is a daily business. There is time enough for rebuttal and follow-up, if not today then tomorrow or in the days after.

## BROADCAST

Brian Wenham

The fact that Shia Muslims could be running their own local radio or satellite television station in Britain within a few years, or that the Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party could be advertising on television, is causing concern to the Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard.

Bishop Sheppard is sounding a warning that the new freedom for religious broadcasting in the Broadcasting Bill is likely to be exercised by the more extreme groups, not necessarily Christian.

He is making it clear that the Church of England, with its commitment to keep ministries in all parts of the country, will simply not have the money to buy stations or advertise freely.

This issue of religious broadcasting has opened a wide schism between the bishop and some evangelical Christians, who regard his attitude as little short of "wet".

Bishop Sheppard has been confronted by the formidable combination of the evangelicals who dislike his support for the ecumenical movement and others who are passionate about free market economics.

So far the battle has gone to the opponents.

The bishop and the Central Religious Advisory Council, which advises the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) and the BBC and of which he is chairman, were opposed to religious organisations being able to own their own television and radio stations.

In this, Bishop Sheppard is conservative. He holds to the Reithian principle that there should be a fair balance, carefully kept and monitored, representing religious bodies throughout the world. He argues that this is not possible if religious bodies can use money to buy stations or advertising space.

His opponents say that he is being too stuffy. Christians have to get off their knees and fight their good fight on the television screens. He does not believe they know the forces they are letting loose.

The strength of feeling was evident in the Lords committee stage of the Broadcasting Bill last week. Baroness Cox warned that the advisory council's multi-faith approach could diminish the specifically Christian input into broadcasting. She also said that if the churches were not as full as they should be, it might be because Anglicans in particular found it increasingly diffi-



Defending the faith: the Bishop of Liverpool

## The bishop preaches caution

Sheppard is worried that extremists may buy TV stations, John Lewis reports

cult to attend a church they saw as increasingly secular and politicised. The sting, however, came in her revelation that at least six important prayer groups were praying that the council should not have influence over the new broadcasting set-up. A wounded bishop wondered what they had been told about the council. He said at least one third of its members were evangelicals themselves and evangelical broadcasters were indignant at the ill-informed criticisms.

Others, including the former Conservative party chairman, Lord Thorneycroft, rushed to the defence of the bishop and the council, but the reality is that the bishop has lost his first skirmishes.

After initial resistance, the government has agreed that suitable religious organisations, under strict conditions that there must not be "improper exploitation" or abuse of other religions, will be able to own non-domestic satellite stations, cable television and local radio stations.

The new battle over religious advertising is not so clear cut. Up to now there has been a complete ban. Soon there will be no restriction. Religious groups will be able to advertise on the new Channel 3 (ITV) and Channel 5

programmes and all the others.

Last week Bishop Sheppard put down his own amendments to control advertising and admitted his fears. "The reality will be that the main-time churches — which are, and are likely to be, stretched to the limit to maintain a ministry throughout the country — are most unlikely to have substantial money to put into religious advertising. More marginal groups, which do not have such a network of ministry, are more likely to have some wealthy supporters who would be willing to put money into advertising."

"Some have dismissed as altogether unlikely the possibility of American-style religious advertising, which many have disliked and have felt was extremely damaging to the cause of true religion and unworthy of it. I am not so optimistic that it is such a simple matter. I know that members of the committee [of the Broadcasting Bill] are very concerned at the idea of a free-for-all. What about Northern Ireland if Ian Paisley and his church wish to make religious advertisements? What about a wealthy Shi'ite Muslim? What about other extreme groups in an era when religious fanaticism is growing?"

"We can have but a small list of religious bodies of which we disapprove. If the ITC [the Independent Television Commission, which is to take over the role of the IBA] tried to have a substantial list, I fear that it would find itself being taken to court."

Baroness Cox accused the bishop of trying some kind of censorship. It was also patronising — "I am sure unintentionally" — to suggest that people were excessively gullible.

Earl Ferrers, the home office minister, shared the bishop's concern there should not be abuse of religious advertising, but argued it would be unwise to pre-empt consultation already being carried out by the IBA. Drawing up the guidelines was a matter for the ITC. In a thin house in the early hours of the morning the bishop abandoned his amendment on the grounds that he had received some assurances.

His main hope, probably now lies in David Mellor. Mr Mellor is fierce in his dislike of the Moonies and other cults and, provided he is still in the job at the right moment, is certain to insist that the ITC makes its guidelines extremely tough.

## Sowing seeds of trouble

Is the Bush war on drugs threatening press freedom?

FOR nearly 20 years, *High Times*, a New York-based monthly magazine, has kept ageing flower people informed about the changing rites of the drug culture, with a mix of anti-establishment opinion, advertisements for drug paraphernalia and market quotations of marijuana prices.

Buried on page 57 of a recent issue was an advertisement placed by the Seed Bank, a catalogue produced by a Dutch firm specialising in selling marijuana seeds. "We offer top hybrids and pure strains from all over the world," the advertisement promised.

Although not markedly different in tone from the array of information about drug cultivation, the advertisement has put *High Times* at the centre of a controversy over press freedom. Federal prosecutors in New Orleans have launched an investigation into whether the magazine, which claims a circulation of 250,000, violated drug laws by accepting the advertisement.

The inquiry has raised fears that freedom of the press will yield to President Bush's much-touted war on drugs. "What we have here is the justice department targeting a publication that is espousing a point of view that is counter to the war on drugs," said Jane Kirtley, executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. The American press, she said, was not normally held responsible for its readers' behaviour.

Steven Hager, the editor of *High Times*, has no doubt that his publication is being persecuted for its unconventional views. He claimed that the government had been put up to the task by the petrochemical industry, which felt threatened by marijuana production. "Marijuana is the main competitor of the petrochemical industry," he said. "You could run every car in America on non-polluting hemp seed oil."

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# A touch of angst

How has Germany's press treated the Ridley affair? Daniel Johnson investigates

The West German press reported the Ridley affair more in sorrow than in anger, but with also, more than anything, a note of condescension. In Moscow, Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President Mikhail Gorbachev were making history. "Germany and the Soviet Union stand before a new beginning," said the ponderous front-page headline of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Germany's leading quality newspaper. The curious tale of Mr Ridley's death rate and the Chequers seminar was a comparative sideshow.

The *Frankfurter Allgemeine* (circulation about 350,000) is normally lacking in news sense to a degree which is not wholly explained by early afternoon deadlines. It carries no pictures on its front page, is edited by a collective of five formidable senior grandees, and is read by every German who matters.

But in this case it had scooped all its rancid rivals. Gina Thomas, a member of its three-person London bureau, had reported in detail on the Chequers seminar at the time. Although her brief is normally non-political — she writes mainly for *Feuilleton*, the paper's impressive daily cultural pull-out section — Miss Thomas moves on the inside track of London society in a way which would scarcely be possible for a British correspondent in Bonn. In a front-page leader on Monday, Ulrich Grudinski, her bureau chief, described "Ridley's foul" as a "turning point" in British attitudes to Europe.

This strength in depth, in stark contrast to British coverage of Germany until last year, enabled *Der Spiegel* (circulation about a million) to land another scoop at the weekend, by publishing on the same day as the *Independent on Sunday* a translation of Charles Powell's memorandum on the Chequers meeting.

The uniquely influential weekly news magazine was



More sorrow than anger: the German newspapers

## 'The tone is often of disappointed love'

launched after the war, with British help, by Rudolf Augstein, the left-wing tycoon who still owns and edits it, and who has often denounced the Germans to their faces in terms which yield little to Mr Ridley. *Der Spiegel* is also the only German paper which interviews politicians with Dominic Lawson's rigour. The most scandalous interview with Herr Kohl to date — and he gives plenty — have both been with English-speaking journalists: *Newsweek* (in 1986, when Herr Kohl compared Mr Gorbachev to Goebbels) and the *Financial Times* (last year, when, to Mrs Thatcher's chagrin, he revealed his refusal to modernise Nato's short-range nuclear missiles).

Herr Augstein, an anti-militarist, German nationalist and Anglophile to boot, and his anonymous but well-informed London staff have given the Thatcher government a hard time for years.

But the prime minister knows that *Der Spiegel* matters, and grants the magazine regular interviews.

West German television's best-known London correspondent is Peter Merseburger of *Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen* (Channel Two). Fair, knowledgeable and even wise, Herr Merseburger excludes a genuine affection for the British. In the past year, British television companies have given Germany saturation coverage, much of it superficial and banal. Only the BBC radio correspondents, especially Diana Goodman, have been able to match the quality of Germans such as Herr Merseburger.

*Die Zeit* (circulation about 450,000), the heavyweight weekly newspaper which is a kind of German equivalent of the pre-Rovland *Observer*, but is published on Thursdays, has yet to comment on the Ridley row. Its response will almost certainly be caustic.

Despite the good relations with Britain enjoyed by Theo Sommer, its editor, and its co-publishers, Countess Marion Donhoff and Helmut Schmidt, the former chancellor, *Die Zeit* has recently taken a fiercely critical line, not only on Mrs Thatcher, but also on the uncivilised British. The paper's tone is often that of someone disappointed in love.

Similarly sharp, although often witty as well, is Günter Nonnenmacher, the London correspondent of the *Frankfurter Rundschau* (circulation about 300,000), the German equivalent of *The Guardian*. Closer in politics to *The Independent*, the *Städteutsche Zeitung*, the Munich liberal daily, has published notably sober and neutral reports on the Ridley affair.

But the most aggressive coverage of the Ridley affair has come from the most conservative German dailies: *Die Welt* (circulation about 200,000), founded by the late Axel Springer as his ideological battering ram, and the same company's *Bild* (circulation six million), probably the largest-selling daily newspaper in the free world.

This duo approximates to a downmarket *Daily Telegraph* and an upmarket *Sun*. Uniquely, in the West German press, they have sister papers on Sunday. Whereas *Bild* achieves its huge sales by fitting into the strongly regionalised character of the German press — each major city or province has pages of local news — *Die Welt* is the only important German paper to be based in Bonn.

Until last year *Die Welt* was considered too deferential towards the Kohl government, but now it often attacks the German chancellor from the right. On Ridley, however, it went to town in Herr Kohl's defence.

On the Ridley story, *Bild* got the wrong end of the stick, republishing Nicholas Garland's *Spectator* cartoon, showing Ridley daubing a poster of Kohl with a Hitler mustache, on its front page, with the banner headline: "Maggie's minister compares Kohl with Hitler!"

In fact, of course, Mr Ridley did no such thing, and the Garland cartoon was satirising him. Who said the Germans have no sense of humour?

Ferment in the National Health Service over the past year has created new opportunities for the three weekly tabloid newspapers for general practitioners — *Doctor*, *GP* and *Pulse*.

General practitioners have turned to these publications more eagerly over the past year for information on the NHS White Paper, and to articulate their concern about the GPs' contract. Total readership of the three controlled circulation titles (mailed to all 35,000 GPs) has increased, and competition between them has become intense, with *GP* and *Doctor* doing particularly well. Readership is measured by the Joint Industry Committee of Medical Advertisers for Readership Surveys (Jicmars), on the basis of interviews with a thousand doctors over a 12-month period.

The latest interim Jicmars figures show that the Haymarket title, *GP*, which has mounted the most outspoken criticism of the contract, has done particularly well, leaping ahead of the previous market leader, *Pulse*, for the first time in seven years. *GP*'s editor, Stephen Lederer, says: "At 83 per cent we are ten points ahead, which is the biggest gap for ten years, and the highest score ever for such a publication."

But Morgan Grampian's *Pulse* refuses to be cowed by its rival's surge (its own interim figure was down 1 per cent). Its editor, Howard Griffiths, says: "We believe we handled the GPs' contract far more responsibly. *GP* pandered to readers' prejudices. We felt the government had set its course, and it was foolish to suggest fighting for concessions." *Pulse*'s publishing director, John Bragg, insists that Morgan Grampian's own research shows the paper to be every bit as popular as it used to be.

Meanwhile, Reed Business Publishing's *Doctor* is coming up fast on the inside. It was redesigned and relaunched in January as a more upmarket title in direct competition to the other two. Like them, it has shuffled staff in an attempt to gain a stronger position; its new editor has signed up heavyweight writers, such as Dr John Marks, the retiring chairman of the British Medical Association, who is now a regular columnist. These changes are probably too recent to be reflected in the latest Jicmars figures, but even so, readership is up from 58 to 62 per cent.



## Why doctors keep taking the tabloids

NHS changes have given new impetus to the medical papers' readership wars

Mr Lederer, who has been *GP*'s editor for a year, attributes his paper's success in that time partly to design. "All three are on coated paper with full colour on every page, but we're the prettiest," he says. The crucial factor, however, has probably been the paper's outright opposition to the GPs' contract.

"We started hitting the government and the contract very early, because we were prepared to go in hard to attack a Conservative government, even though the established wisdom was that most of our readers voted Conservative. We ran a full tabloid campaign, with screamer headlines like 'Take That' across five columns when the con-

tract details were published, and 'GPs Robbed Again!' with a cartoon of Mrs Thatcher as a thief when the government gave doctors less than the review body had recommended."

None of the GPs' tabloids has the high profile of *The Lancet* or the *British Medical Journal*. "We don't carry stories about sleeping position and cot death, which the nationals would pick up, because we don't publish original learned papers," Mr Griffiths says. But *GP* claims that in the last year it has broken several important stories which were subsequently taken up elsewhere.

All three tabloids carry a mixture of political, scientific

and financial news and features, plus a range of services to attract readers: *Pulse* offers a travel club, a wine club, insurance deals, and a direct selling operation for both medical and consumer goods.

Scientific news presents by far the biggest challenge, Mr Lederer says. "It is extremely hard to get stories which are both newsworthy and highly accurate; easy to get stuff which looks sexy, but is wrong." Getting it right is partly a matter of how much the papers are prepared to invest in paying for good reporters and to keep a couple of doctors on staff, and for travel to conferences.

But all three — carrying 60 per cent to 65 per cent advertising — are profitable. How long they remain so will depend on how high they can keep their advertising rates, which in turn depend on readership. "Now the GPs' contract is in place we are much happier," Mr Griffiths says.

"This past year it has been a question of what you left out; now we are back to finding stories, and competing on a pure journalistic basis — looking for good exclusives. I am sure we will be able to recover our lead."

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# Fact and fiction: the two faces of Vicki

Seven years ago, a 30-year-old woman named Vicki Morgan was bludgeoned to death in a run-down flat in Los Angeles. She had already known brief tabloid fame as the mistress of Alfred Bloomingdale, the department store heir, he had suffered a heart attack in her bed, although he later died at home. Bloomingdale's wife, Betsy, was one of Nancy Reagan's closest friends, and the rumours of sex videos and a scorching memoir exposed cracks which threatened to shiver all the way to the top of that administration. There were many who felt that the death of Vicki Morgan was convenient.

Almost three years ago, a "walker" (an escort of high-society women) called Alfredo de la Vega died of gunshot wounds in his Los Angeles home. He came from one of the oldest families on the West Coast, and had known at least one president. Though it seemed an unlikely verdict, in the light of forensic evidence, the autopsy report decided he had committed suicide. Such a death was also perceived to be convenient.

This week American writer Dominick Dunne publishes a novel which concerns itself with these violent events. Though its title, *An Inconvenient Woman*, is a clear reference to the Vicki Morgan character (and is also used in the book to refer to that symbol of conspiracy theorists, Marilyn Monroe), for the purposes of his fiction Mr Dunne has wound de la Vega's story plausibly through Morgan's (it is extremely unlikely that the two ever met in real life). The motives for the two killings, fleshed out in credible prose, are similarly a creation of Mr Dunne's imagination. The outcome of the book is that two murderers escape retribution.

"This is the theme that comes into everything I write," Mr Dunne, aged 63, says. "This thing about people who go unpunished or underpunished, the whole justice system." Eight years ago, in the autumn before Morgan's death, Mr Dunne's only daughter, Dominique, was strangled by her ex-boyfriend, John Sweeney. Sweeney's subsequent term in prison lasted fewer than three years. Mr Dunne wrote an article for *Vanity Fair* magazine about that experience, in which he described how the coils of the legal system seemed designed to tighten around the victim's family rather than her killer. The bitter tale of that piece was "Justice", and its themes have haunted him ever since.

His new book is the third novel he has written since Dominique's death. The first, *The Two Mrs Grenvilles*, was based on a famous

Spurred by personal tragedy, Dominick Dunne writes novels based on true-life society murders. Fionnuala McHugh reports on a man with a dicey mission



Stranger than fiction: Dominick Dunne, in search of justice

1950s society murder. The killer in that book escapes public retribution, but kills herself years later, gnawed by guilt and loneliness. In his second book, *People Like Us*, a writer of profiles for a glossy magazine plots the death of his daughter's murderer, against the shenanigans of Manhattan high society. New Yorkers spent months trying to find real-life counterparts for the book's fictional characters, a game into which Mr Dunne refused to be drawn. It has been said — and Mr Dunne reluctantly agrees — that certain hostesses struck him off their dinner lists.

But the figure who was most painfully revealed in that novel was himself: the alcoholic writer separated from his wife, eaten up by fury and grief at the loss of his daughter.

Now there are the two murders of *An Inconvenient Woman*. Mr Dunne wrote a piece for *Vanity Fair* about the trial of Vicki Morgan's flatmate, who was convicted of her murder. The inept-

tude of the local police — who did not take any fingerprints at the scene, and who left the place wide open to anyone who felt like wandering in — only fuelled the whispers of conspiracy.

"I always felt that there was more to this than what we were being told. I grew to have great sympathy for the actual girl. If I'd been in her place at 17, poor, with a kid, and I got a chance to move out of it, you know what? I'd have done what she did too." As a result, he has made the Vicki character, whom he has called Flo, highly sympathetic, and has ignored some of the more seamy elements of her relationship with Bloomingdale ("I don't want to go into it, but it was a real dirty story").

"This is a novel, after all," he says. "I had my choices to make, and to me it became much more interesting if they actually loved each other."

Alfredo de la Vega was closer to home, literally, being an old friend of Mr Dunne's former wife. In the book he has been called Hector ("I don't like to say Alfredo, I say the real Hector, the real Flo"). Someone who happened to get into the house on the morning of his death told Mr Dunne about bullet holes in the mirror and coffee table, as well as the three in de la Vega's chest. "That's not how you kill yourself," Mr Dunne observes, although the coroner thought otherwise.

Mr Dunne flew to Los Angeles, where he had lived for 24 years, to write another *Vanity Fair* piece on the death, and says he met a wall of silence. "They all said he was afraid to have open-heart surgery. Well, I mean, that would have been a breeze compared to this. What was fascinating was when certain people of power say, 'This is what happened', and other people, who might not believe it, accept it because it comes from that person."

Since the book's publication in America he has been contacted by a man who told him where de la Vega spent the last few hours of his life. "There is a reporter in LA now who is investigating the whole story. And there is a magazine that is doing a big piece on her [Morgan]."

He is, he admits, playing a somewhat tricky game. "Yes, it's dicey, but it's not life-threatening or suit-threatening. I don't know who could sue. Dead people can't."

"There is nothing new here that has been dug up by me. This is perhaps the most highly publicised society scandal since the one on which I based *The Two*



Victim: was Vicki Morgan murdered because she was about to reveal a high-level sex scandal?

*Mrs Grenvilles*. The real story was shabby, shabby. This is not."

The book leapt into the American best-seller lists the week it was published, and appears to have established Mr Dunne as a major writer of popular fiction. It is certainly his best work so far, and the Dunne character in it — there is always one who carries the fictional burden of his self image — is strong and confident, an alcoholic writer who has come to terms with his problems. Mr Dunne, whose son, actor-producer Griffin Dunne, has just had a daughter, feels that life has become good to him.

He is due to start another book in August. There may be "elements" of a true life story, "I may again be about murder. If one comes in it won't be the central thing. Murder seems to be part of our everyday life."

Perhaps this explains the fascination the subject matter holds for his readers (and viewers — *The Two Mrs Grenvilles* and *People Like Us* have become made-for-

**'This is the theme that comes into everything I write, people who go unpunished or underpunished, the whole justice system'**

television films). The affluent society blackcloth helps, too, although he agrees that conspicuous wealth is going out of fashion. "Has gone. It went with the decade, with the Reagan's."

Will this make it harder for him to write? "Why? Somebody else asked me this, too — you think I can only write when they're flaunting it? It does not mean that just because the Trumps are getting poor, everyone is. It is moving around, that's all."

*Vanity Fair* has also commissioned him to write a 10,000 word piece about the Menendez broth-

ers. These are two young men who are accused of murdering, in particularly gruesome circumstances, their wealthy parents in Beverly Hills. The case, has had huge coverage in America. Various screenplays are already being written, although there has not been a preliminary hearing.

Mr Dunne, while disapproving of this media circus — having experienced it at first hand during Sweeney's trial — cannot help being fascinated. "Such a story," he says. "I don't happen to think they're innocent. What's utterly shocking is these are not drug addicts, they look like nice privileged kids. They're wonderful tennis players, when you watch them move, they're like colts — and you think, why? Being Dominique Dunne, of course, he is seeking answers. The guns still haven't been found. But I know where they are..."

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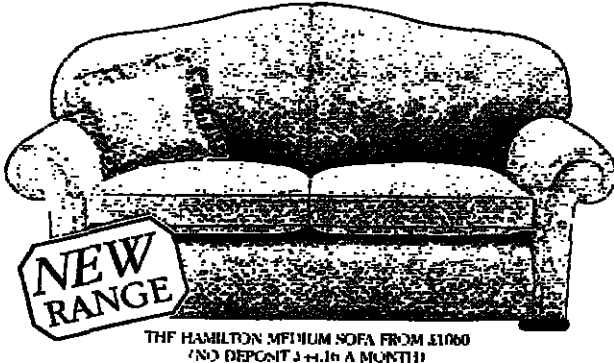
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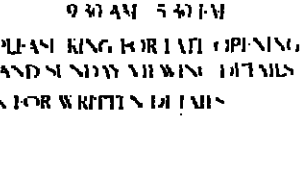
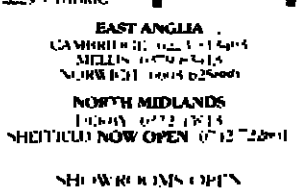
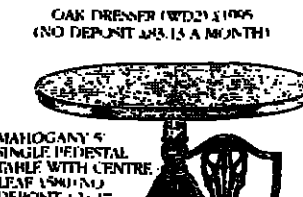
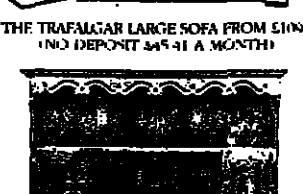
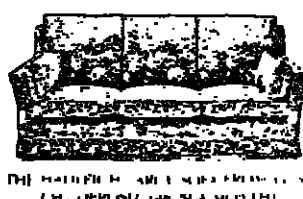
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The Abbey dad has not been entirely overlooked. The company is to allow both male and female employees to take extended leave of up to five years to raise a family or look after sick or elderly relatives.

There is, of course, a big difference between "helping" with child care or with looking after a relative and doing the lion's share of the work, being the person to whom the help may be offered. So how many fathers will take advantage of the scheme? Yasmine Encer, an Abbey press officer, admits that no one knows.

"The incentives were introduced because, of our 14,000 employees, more than 80 per cent are women — and half of those who were going off on maternity leave weren't coming back. However, it was felt that if we were going to offer extended leave to women, we should also offer it to men."

SHE says that "everybody knows of a family where the husband helps with child care. And work patterns are changing. There are many different circumstances under which a man might want to be the one to have a career break. Of course, at the end of the day, money does count, and there may not be that many men whose wives earn enough to make it a sensible choice."

But money isn't the only factor. "Perhaps if a husband wants a child more than his wife does, he'll suggest that he will be the one to stay home for the first five years to look after it."

According to Income Data Services, some employers now offer extended leave: some make this available for women only, as an extension of maternity leave; others offer it to men and women. Norwich Union, which employs 12,000 people (just over half are women) introduced a scheme for women in April last year, offering up to five years off following maternity leave. This year it was extended to men.

Hayley Stumpson a spokeswoman for the company says

## Mothers to get the bonus habit

Abbey National has joined those giving cash incentives to working mothers

"We feel there should be equal opportunities for men and women to take extended leave. If an employee is married to a woman who earns more than he does, they might prefer him to take the career break rather than her."

At Midland Bank, a career break scheme has been in operation since 1984. Midland employees — male and female — can take up to three breaks in service totalling a maximum of five years in order to fulfil "caring" duties at home.

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CAMPBELL Evans, a Midland press officer, is the father of an 18-month-old child, yet he admits he never considered the idea of taking leave to be a temporary full-time father. His wife wanted to be the one who stayed at home and, he says, "my career is better served by my staying at work."

In purely economic terms, it would not have made sense because I earn more than she did as a physiotherapist. As it happens, my wife discovered that she likes being a mother but not a housewife, so she is now working part-time.

Mr Evans knows of two men at Midland who have taken extended leave, but despite all his efforts they would not come forward and talk about the enlightened attitude of their employers and the delights of family life. "They don't want to be regarded as quirky," Mr Evans says. "Presumably their wives are better paid than them."

Yet he suspects that this reticent duo may not be as unusual as they think. "Judging by the number of men you see picking up their wives in the station car park, every night, there must be quite a few house husbands around."

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## Grandfathers of reggae

**M**orant Point lighthouse on the northern shore of Jamaica was built in 1841. Its engineer was one George Grove, now more renowned for his dictionary of Mento, the original music of the area, is thoroughly worthy of an entry in Grove's dictionary. Doubtless, he would have been delighted to trace its rise, fall and potential resurrection with a flourish of footnotes.

In the nearby town of Port Antonio, Mento's sole surviving supergroup, The Jolly Boys, are still playing, with more years between them than even the Rolling Stones. The Jolly Boys have a lot to live up to. Not only were they Errol Flynn's favourite band; they were also the direct forerunners of reggae's greatest star, Bob Marley.

Mento is the music that time forgot, the real roots of reggae: a unique Jamaican form, descendant of the African slave dance music which added joy to plantation life, but with a strong whiff of 19th-century European court dances. Improbably enough, quadrilles, as in the antiquated Parisian social whirl, can still be heard in Jamaican folk music and in the distinctive lilt of Mento.

If all this sounds like the ultimate fantasy of every World Music lexicographer, it is hardly surprising that the likes of Andy Kershaw and record producers have been lingering enthusiastically in the courtyard of the Trident Hotel in Port Antonio. For it

The Jolly Boys, a veteran Jamaican band whose Mento music is the ancestor of reggae, are in Britain for the first time. Adrian Dannatt met them

is here that The Jolly Boys have been performing most nights of the week, to an indifferent gathering of tourists who are unaware that the five elderly musicians before them were at one time more used to revelling with the likes of J.P. Morgan Jr and the Hollywood celebrities flown over by the mighty Flynn.

But, after decades of obscurity, it is now once more Mento's hour. Having played the Port Antonio hotel circuit for too long, the venerable Jamaicans have swung into the international jet-set. Life changed for the Jollys when an American record producer, Michael J. Lemo Jr, checked into the hotel. As he sat eating his jumbo shrimp on the lamplit patio he perceived, through the chatter of neighbouring tourists, that he was listening to a band of rare potential. He returned to America determined to make the Jollys into stars. As is the way of the music business, he had never even spoken to the Jollys themselves.

Months later, the result was an album, *Pop 'n' Mento*. Now there is a world tour. For a group who have never previously left Jamaica, jetting off to Tokyo and Europe obviously has its excitement, but the Jollys retain an admirable stoicism. As Swimmer observed, it seems "The

time for Mento has come again."

With a second album out on the Cooking Vinyl label, and several appearances in Britain forthcoming, British audiences have the chance to "go Mento" themselves. Considering the popularity of reggae in the UK, there is no reason why its musical predecessor should not be just as big.

Moses Deans, founding member and banjo guru, is a charismatic figure, happy to admit it is the ladies who keep him young. Just how young he is remains lost in the mists of folklore. Moses is a descendant of the Maroons, escaped slaves who won their independence, and Mento is clearly African-derived in its use of rumba box or kalimba (thumb piano), played for the Jollys with great charm by Joseph Bennett. Allan Swimmer is the band's lead voice, and also writes any songs other than the Mento classics that take up much of their 160-song repertoire. Most Mento lyrics are distinctly saucy. Swimmer has a soft sensual delivery of such risqué numbers as "Banana", "Touch Me Tomato" or the scarcely less suggestive "Big Bamboo".

Musical taste in Port Antonio has changed considerably: once, as befits the world's top banana port, it was typical Jamaican sea-shanties, but nowadays the youths are only in-

terested in ragamuffin reggae. Mento, however, was always the most popular, if not the only, music of rural Jamaica. Everyone gathered for parties of drinking and dancing - entertained by stars such as Lord Flea, Count Sticky or the Pork Chop Rhythm Box Band. High society took an interest and Mento bands added essential sauce to any chic event.

There were few recording studios to capture Mento before it vanished under ska sound-systems and the amplified instruments of reggae, and the Jollys are among the first, and last, Mento bands to be recorded. According to Marjorie Whyte, folk music researcher, "In the context of popular Jamaican music, Mento could well be regarded as the matrix."

The Jolly Boys, still playing acoustically, able to strum along in the dark during Jamaica's frequent power-cuts, are the closest to real Jamaican pop music you will hear today. As Swimmer puts it: "We don't want it to die out, and now younger people are getting more interested all round the world. It will work, all you have to do is put your energy into it."

● The Jolly Boys play the King's Head, Crouch End, London N8 (081-960 6000) tomorrow; Womad at Reading (0734 591591); Friday afternoon, Astoria, Charing Cross Road, London W1 (071-229 7483); Friday evening, Lambeth Festival (071-978 8622) Sunday afternoon; Womad, Sunday evening; P & O Portsmouth Festival (0705 824355), Monday lunchtime.

## LITERATURE

## Don't know nothin' 'bout a sequel, Miss Scarlett

What happened after the end of *Gone With the Wind*? Joseph Connolly finds the novel's sequel far from complete

The spokesman for Macmillan publishers could not be more certain. "The whole world is waiting for the sequel to *Gone With the Wind*." It is not clear how many there are consumed with impatience on this matter. But for those who are, there is bad news: the much-touted plans for autumn publication have been scrapped. Initial reports indicated that the sequel would not appear until the following spring. This week, however, Jane Wood, the editor at Macmillan, says that "Autumn 1991 is the projected date. Probably."

The author, Alexandra Ripley, has been paid an advance of \$3 million (£1.68 million) by Warner Books in the US, and Macmillan UK are in for over £1 million, so the key question for all involved is whether the project is merely undergoing teething troubles, or whether (as some sources suggest) it is struggling for life.

Those who are not involved, of course, 54 years after the publication of the original novel, may be tempted to echo Clark Gable's celebrated line in a film whose title momentarily escapes me: "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."

Margaret Mitchell, the creator of Scarlett and Rhett, would have been bemused by the continued interest, but probably irritated by this present venture. She was only 36 when *Gone With the Wind* was published in 1936, yet despite the fact that the ending of the 800-page epic seems contrived precisely in order to pave the way for a sequel (the protagonists are not reconciled, neither dies and Scarlett's final musings is that "tomorrow is another day"), the author remained adamant that no follow-up should be written.

Even after the huge success of the film, she remained unmoved by the increasingly lavish inducements from cru-

elly frustrated publishers and film producers. She died in 1949, leaving *Gone With the Wind* as her only book. "I know good work and I know good writing, and I didn't think mine good," she said by way of explanation.

She felt strongly enough (and was by then sufficiently media-wise) to express in her will a wish that no sequel be undertaken by another hand. But the clause in question has been declared to be "ambiguous", and therefore open to the interpretations of would-be entrepreneurs.

Copyright runs until January 1, 2000, and apart from the film royalties, the novel continues to sell - more than 28 million at the last count. The beneficiaries of this estate are the author's brother and sister, who have hitherto spurned all advances: a film treatment for a sequel was approved in 1984 but permission later retracted. Approval was finally given to Alexandra Ripley; no one is quite certain why, except that she is a writer of historical fiction from the Deep South.

"Alexandra is an immensely talented writer," says Macmillan's Jane Wood. "She comes from Charleston - she really understands the whole thing. She lives in a small sort of plantation mansion." And the delay? "This is a very major project... authors and editors often need more time to make sure that a book is as good as it can be."

But it appears to be more than just a case of a final polish: "I haven't actually seen any of the book, apart from the 30-page treatment," admits Wood. "But I gather it will be about 1,000 pages eventually. About half is written."

Other sources, however, suggest that many thousands of pages have actually been written, but that only 500 remain after the constant rewrites insisted upon by Warner Books. Prospective film-makers are said to have

been appalled by rumours that Scarlett's sexuality had slipped down over the years. Rhett had considerably aged (he was already 45 when we left him) and that a good deal of the book was not to be set in America at all.

"Actually," says Wood, "we are rather keeping the whole thing under wraps - the ending in particular is being kept a secret." Not least from its author, it seems. "But the print-run will be big when the book finally comes - six figures," Jane Wood reaches for the publisher's ultimate accolade: "We would treat it like a Wilbur Smith."

What of the eventual film? Says Lavinia Trevor of the William Morris Agency which administers the Mitchell Estate: "We haven't actually sold the rights. Of course we have had offers, but it would be crazy to sell the rights before we have the book. It's a question of integrity." It is also a singular approach, since many rights to blockbusters are sold these days in exactly these circumstances. "The book itself will be seen to be a must-have. As to the film rights - we could sell the title alone for billions, I expect." Lavinia Trevor was of course exaggerating - and so too was Wood (I think) when she suggested that Macmillan would in all probability send out no review copies of the eventual work, in order to preserve this puzzling secrecy business.

Oddly, the projected work still has no title. "Several are being discussed," says Wood, "but... Secret? Well, a bit. Tara has been put forward, of course, *Tomorrow is Another Day*. I really can't say more than that - but whatever it's called it will be worth waiting for."

What seems by no means certain, however, is whether or not we will get our second *Wind* before all those concerned have run out of puff.

Vivien Leigh and Butterfly McQueen in the 1939 film of *Gone With the Wind*

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**CRITICS' CHOICE:**  
OPERA, DANCE AND MIXED MEDIA

**OPERA**

**LE COMTE ORY:** Hilarious production of Rossini's last comic opera by Mike Ashman for the Royal College of Music Opera School. Outstanding performance by Der-Son Hwang as Ischer. James Lockhart conducts. Britten Theatre, RCM, Prince Consort Road, London SW7 (071-589 3643), Wed, Fri, 7pm, £2-£8.

**THE BET:** New piece of music theatre for instrumental ensemble, narrator and puppets by Enka Fox, based on a story by Elaine Feinstein. John Roberts directs. Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London W1 (071-359-4404), tonight-Sat, 8pm, £3.50-£10.

**WILLIAM TELL:** Covent Garden's brave attempt to stage Rossini's masterpiece misses the mark with this lame production by John Cox. It has its moments, though (the apple shooting is a brilliant piece of stagecraft) and is decently sung. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240-1066), tomorrow, 6pm, £4-£20.

**ARABELLA:** Ancient Rudolf Hartmann production of Strauss's romantic comedy given another dusting down. Kirie Kanawa takes the title role and Jeffrey Tate conducts. Peter Weber sings Mandryka. ROH (as above), Sat, 7pm, £4-£30.

**THE ICE BREAK:** This strongly-cast Prom performance of Tippett's fourth opera will provide a timely opportunity to judge whether its neglect is justified. David Atherton conducts the London Sinfonietta and its Chorus. Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), Mon, 7pm, £3.50-£16.

**OUTSIDE LONDON**

**CAPRICCIO:** Revival of John Cox's production of Strauss's last opera, conducted by Bernard Haitink. Felicity Lott returns as the Countess; Brigitte Fassbaender, making her Glyndebourne debut, sings Clara. Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111), Sat, Wed, 5.30pm, £30-£75.

**LA BOHEME:** Peter Knapp's Travelling Opera extends its spring tour to bring the Puccini favourite to Colchester. Richard Balcombe conducts.

**Mercury Theatre, Colchester** (0208 573928), tomorrow, 8pm, £8-£10.

**THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO:** Some delightful singing and playing from the resplendent Primula Opera under the direction of Wafiq Khan. Pridaux Place, Padstow (0841 532945), tomorrow, Sat, 7.30pm, £10 (advance), £12.

**COSI' FAN TUTTE:** The British Youth Festival Opera, which has annually brought budding operatic talent to London's attention, making its first professional appearance. Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham (0242 523680), tomorrow, Sat, 7pm, £4.50-£17.

**BARRY MILLINGTON**

**DANCE**

**ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET:** Premiere of *Dancing Ledge*, Siobhan Davies's first work for a classical ballet company, to music by John Adams, with Macmillan's *Anastasia* in which Trinidad Seymoure replaces the ailing Lynn Seymour (tonight, Thurs). Then Ashton's *Romeo and Juliet*, with four different casts (Fri-Tues). London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, £4.50-£30.

**IF ONLY...** Lloyd Newson's new work for DV8 Physical Theatre, already acclaimed at the Rouen festival. Tramway Glasgow (041 332 0522), tonight-Sat, 8pm, £5-£0.

**ACADEMY OF INDOONESIAN ARTS:** Three programmes for the Scottish debut - Balinese dance and music (tonight), Javanese (tomorrow, Fri) and a combination of the two (Sat). Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm, £3.50-£12.50.

**ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL:** Dances from *Bourdonville's Napoli* show the young dancers' high spirits (tonight-Sat, Sat mat), supplemented by other works including *Ninette de Valois'* famous piece, *The Rake's Progress* (tonight, tomorrow, Sat eve), *Holland Park Theatre* - Holland Park, London W8 (071 802 7856), tonight Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, £7.

**UNDER AFRICAN SKIES:** Premiere of new show by Adzido Pan African Dance Ensemble. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071 928 8800), Fri-Sun, 7.45pm, £4-£10.

**SOLO COLLECTION:** Dutch dancer Angelika Oer presents her own works. Chisenhall Dance Space, 64 Chisenhall Road, London E3 (081 861 6517), Sat, 7.30pm, £2.50-£4.50.

**ROMEO AND JULIET:** Royal Ballet opens its short summer season with Macmillan's production. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240-1066), Mon, Tues, 7.30pm, £1-£41.

**JOHN PERCIVAL**

**MIXED MEDIA**

**MICHAEL MAYHEW AND BECKY EDMUNDS:** Double-bill of work from dynamic Manchester duo who whisk visual and physical theatre together, introducing challenging themes. ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 3647), tonight, tomorrow, 8pm, £6 (£5), plus £1 day pass.

**RASHEED ARAEEN:** A discussion with Rasheed Araeen relating to the development of his large-scale billboard work "Golden Verdes". Chisenhall Gallery (as above), Wed-Sun, 1.6pm, free, until July 27.

**RACHEL WHITEDREAD:** Ghost This installation, funded by the Henry Moore Foundation, is a life size plaster cast of the artist contained within the four walls of a room. A look at "the ghost of a remembered room". Chisenhall Gallery (as above), Wed-Sun, 1.6pm, free, until July 27.

**THE BOW GELMAN ENSEMBLE:** Excellent group of visual artists/musicians, renowned for creating one-off experiences in unusual settings. In addition to their floating oil-drum kit, and bath-tub castanets, they premiere new instruments made from scrap stainless steel. Open at Swimming Pool, Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stratford Road, Stratford, London E15 (0453 860703), Fri 8pm, £4.50 (£2.50), £1 children.

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# Shiny surface, empty heart

## THEATRE

### Rocky Horror Show Piccadilly

THE filmed version of Richard O'Brien's larky show has become a well-known cult, inspiring audiences to join raucously in the dialogue and pelt the screen with rice, possibly to mimic the naffly filmed raindrops that soak poor Brad and Janet as they scurry for shelter in the castle of the mysterious Frank N. Furter.

At the Piccadilly, the show's more fervent admirers are keen to treat the actors on stage in the same way. Ushers stand guard in the aisles — the real ushers, that is, not the creepy lot wearing scar-tissue masks who wave you to your seats — and at the first sign that someone is about to throw the Patna long-grain they charge off to collar him.

There is nothing they or anyone can do to control the vocal interjections, most of which obliterate whatever is being said on stage. Some can boast a certain barmy wit, and the rejoinders from the cast are not bad either. If you have not recently seen the film, certain exchanges between the characters will be entirely lost. The work is not *Hamlet*, of course, but the deliberately inept dialogue, spoofing the old feature horror movies, is part of the show's quaint charm, and the production falls far short of stripping the performances of the camp accretions they have acquired over the years.

To attempt to analyse the show's strange popularity would be to break a peacock on a wheel. At its heart, a plea for sexual toleration can just about be discerned, but it is disappointing how little O'Brien makes of it, preferring, in true decadent fashion, to



Tim McInerney (Frank N. Furter) and Adam Caine (Rocky) in *The Rocky Horror Show*

play and tease and ultimately to uride with the wilder mores of love.

Probably the core of the show is Frank N. Furter's seduction first of Janet, in shadow play behind a pink gauze, and then of Brad — shadow play again and a blue gauze — using identical dialogue for each. It remains an amusing ditty, though, and 18 years ago, when *Rocky Horror* started its life in the tiny Theatre Upstairs, the impact must have been more controversial.

Adrian Edmondson's Brad grins toothily and moves in the appropriate heroic style like an automaton imperfectly greased at the hips. Gina Bellman's Janet is sexy and Adrian Caine's Rocky, the muscular playmate cooked up in Furter's lab, would certainly let no one kick sand in his face.

Those who recall Tim McInerney from the early series of *Blackadder* will recognise the lofty, almost dainty features of Lord Percy, here adorned with a straight wig and corsets for the role of

Furter. He really does not find the anti-sexual wildness of Tim Curry and just occasionally you feel he might be playing it for real. Set against a soaring fire escape and a space rocket of a tubiculous design calculated to give the moral majority a seizure if ever it took off from Cape Canaveral, Robin LeGrove's production bashes out the rock, sends up puns, off-kilter and provides corsets for all. The show's heart is almost empty, but the surface still gleams.

JEREMY KINGSTON

## DANCE

### English National Ballet Coliseum

A GALA used to be a special occasion, celebrated with particular festive entertainment, but in a ballet context the word has become de-valued to mean any premiere where punters can be inveigled into paying extra for their tickets to sit near royalty and drink champagne in the intervals. All a necessary part, no doubt, of fund-raising, but it can be counter-productive when, as at English

National Ballet's London opening on Monday night, there is nothing very festive on offer.

True, we had a revival of one of Antony Tudor's ballets, but (like American Ballet Theatre's similar offerings last week) for two performances only. I wonder whether the new young audience will believe what a stupendous choreographer this man was. When he supervised the work, the dancing had to be polished so that the steps themselves, with the music, could carry the drama. Hammy over-acting would have been ruthlessly cut.

Well, we must make the best of what is available and at least two

of the performers, Christine Camillo and Marguerite Donelle, carried their roles rather well. Perhaps, too, the subject will be a war-time setting, with hunger, hope, rape, death and determination as the facts of everyday life. The programme notes the reference to the Czechoslovak village of Lidice in 1942 is wrong; Tudor himself insisted that it could happen anywhere, any time. Incidentally, the same score, Martin's *Symphonic Fantasia*, can be heard later in the week accompanying a different ballet, *Anastasia*: a rare opportunity for comparison.

Christopher Bruce is, of all living choreographers, the one most influenced by Tudor, but his latest production for the company, *Symphony in Three Movements*, could have done with more of Tudor's gritty ability to dig into the music. It is frivolously, even perversely lightweight as an interpretation of Stravinsky's towering score with its dark undertones. The jazzy manner of the choreography is a genre that has never really suited Bruce anyway, and the dancers make it all very winsome with their eager cheerfulness.

The evening was completed by Béjart's *Boleto*.

JOHN PERCIVAL

## TELEVISION

### Design Classics BBC 2

HARLEY Davidson was not, despite the name, some touring Victorian actor-manager; he was in fact two men, and what they did was to build those American motorcycles that feel as if you are being asked to ride a 1930s bathroom radiator on wheels. But, as Alex Cox's suitably cultish film last night indicated, the Harley Davidson is not just any old two-wheeler with an engine. It is, in America, a freedom, a religion, and a metal art. Jesus, we were reliably told by a motorcycling evangelist, would himself have driven one. There was no mention of Peter Fonda in *Easy Rider*, which suggests he may have been on one of those unpatriotic Japanese affairs, nor as I recall did James Dean have the grace to die on one, having unaccountably graduated to a Porsche with a roof and two extra wheels.

Nevertheless, the mythology and the devotion are all still intact: there was old Ronald Reagan telling factory workers that a vote against Harley Davidson was a vote against the flag. A man's gotta

dream boy, it goes with the territory. If Willy Loman had been given a Harley Davidson, Arthur Miller might never have had to write *Death of a Salesman*.

We never got to hear from old Willy on the subject, but we did get a collectivist poet (with a beard which looked in some danger of strangling its owner in the spokes) to tell us that this was no ordinary motorbike, but rather "a conveyance for mytho-poetic reality". Somebody else referred to it as "somehow less poetically but more graphically as a crotch-rocket, and there can be little doubt that, whatever its engine power, the Harley Davidson has ejected more verbal rubbish through its exhaust system than any similar form of transport, unless of course there are some little-known Japanese *haikus* devoted to the Honda.

"Everyone," said one of its supporters, "has a little bit of Harley in them." And I do not think he meant to conjure up the image of little bits of metal sticking nastily to the insides of legs. This was an electra-glide in purple prose, a parody of American open-road pomposity which must have had even Jack Kerouac turning over in some celestial fast-food diner.

The great thing about Christopher Hird as a financial reporter

is that he asks all the right questions usually ignored by more sophisticated television money-men. These questions usually come down to (a) how could anybody be daft enough to invest in half the projects around, and (b) who gets their money once they have? Having recently devoted himself to the share-dealings of Cecil Parkinson, Hird turned last night, in *When the Men with the Money Go Mad* (Channel 4), to the channel tunnel, the Battersea theme park and a vaccine to end herpes, projects which are, to put it politely, less viable than heretofore believed.

Hird came up with a sprightly and jokey film which made the most of the understandable unwillingness of most of those closely involved to have anything to do with him. Their conclusion was that their money might have been safer in a sock under the bed than in any of these grandiose plans. If any of them has a real hero, it is surely Phineas Taylor Barnum who first noted, on behalf of the American fairground and circus business, itself not a million miles removed from what was supposed to be happening in Battersea, that there is a sucker born every minute.

The truth is that people invest not because of plausibility but

because of a terror of missing out on a possibly good thing. It has ever been thus: in 1850 half of the bonds on the London Stock Exchange were already in default. But cynicism is not as bankable as hope, and until actual fiasco occurs, the hope is always there. Afterwards, precious few will even talk about it, let alone to Hird. The publicist for the wonder-drum firm declined a meeting unless Hird promised not to discuss the past.

Back in Battersea, there is a derelict power station open to the elements where, by now, Mrs Thatcher was supposed to have inaugurated the first fun ride. Meanwhile, over the channel, a very similar EuroDisneyland project goes ahead on target. The difference, explained one Parisian analyst patiently, if a little wearily, is that the EuroDisney people actually got their money together before they started to build. No comment from the people in Battersea, but one of the channel tunnel's founding fathers, Sir Nicholas Henderson, could not have put it better on their behalf. "We didn't really know where we were going," he said, "but we were determined to go somewhere. It was founded on the great British principle of muddling through."

SHERIDAN MORLEY

## NEW RELEASES

**ANITA DANCES OF VICE** (18): Rosa von Praunheim's eccentric fantasy portrait of Anita Benter, a forgotten dancer who lived in Berlin in the 1920s. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**BACK TO THE FUTURE PART II** (PG): A study crowd-pleaser to round off the series, with some amusing scenes as the Western's eccentric Mr. Brown (Tom Hanks) is sent back to 1955 by a time machine. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**BLIND FURY** (15): Fully comic-adventure inspired by a Japanese samurai series, with a rugged hero as a blind Westerner who is actually consulting the mob. Director, Philip Noyce. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**DARK ANGEL** (18): Horror action film with Swedish lead David Lindgren as a man who is hit by a car and awakes as a vampire. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**SHES OUT OF CONTROL** (12): Showbiz comedy about a woman who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**THE BROTHERS SISTER** (18): British comedy about a woman who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**CINEMA PARADISO** (PG): Giuseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian town. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**DICK TRACY** (PG): The blockbuster of the year, a crime film about a detective who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**DREAMS** (PG): Akira Kurosawa's fantasy on themes of violence, ecology, and the art of war. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**FOOLS OF FORTUNE** (18): Paul Verhoeven's comedy about a woman who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**HARLEM NIGHTS** (18): Ted Demme's comedy about a woman who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER** (PG): Sean Connery as a Soviet submarine captain who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**AN INNOCENT MAN** (18): Unpleasant surprise of the year, a film about a man who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS** (18): Michael Mann's epic about a man who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

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## CINEMA GUIDE

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**INTERNAL AFFAIRS** (18): Richard Gere and Anny Garcia as Los Angeles cops who are sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**JOE VERSUS THE VOLCANO** (PG): Tom Hanks as a down-on-his-luck man who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**LORD OF THE FLIES** (18): Flat new version of William Golding's savage novel. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**MONSIEUR HENRI** (18): British comedy about a man who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**MOON 44** (15): Routine futuristic drama set in 2038, when giant corporations fight to gain control of natural resources on distant planets. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**MUSIC BOX** (18): Costa-Gavras's anguished, absorbing drama about a Chicago concert pianist who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**MY LEFT FOOT** (15): The Chetani Brown story, uplifting tale, marvellously acted, with Oscar-nominees (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**NUNS ON THE RUN** (12): Eric Roberts and Bo Derek's comedy about a woman who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**PRETTY WOMAN** (18): Sharmouche's old-fashioned romantic comedy, given some modern charm and sparkle by Julia Roberts. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**REUNION** (12): The film of the year, a comedy about a man who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

**REVENGE** (18): Fehling's version of Am Hammon's novel about a woman who is sent to a psychiatric hospital. (1989) ICA Cinema (071-430 3647).

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## BBC 1

- 6.00 CeeFax  
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando 8.55 Regional news and weather  
9.00 News and weather  
9.05 The Chimpunks. Cartoon fun 9.25 Record Breakers. Roy Castle blows his trumpet on more record breakers who include paragon Michael Caine and the only man to have walked to both poles, Robert Swan  
10.00 News and weather followed by Double Dare. Peter Simon hosts the slapstick game show (10.30)  
10.55 Five to Eleven. Brian Blessed reads prose and poetry at Rievaulx Abbey  
11.00 News and weather followed by Hudson and Halls. The quaint Kiwi chefs cook a mouthwatering variety of main courses in the company of comedian Ernie Wise (11.30) A Fisherman's Diary: Summer. Angler Derek Law reflects on fishing through the summer months. He travels to the River Lune and Nottelton Priory, near Wakefield, in search of tench, perch and trout  
12.00 News and weather followed by Antiques. How to care for leather good leaf. (12.55) Regional news and weather  
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton  
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 The Train Now Departing: The Long Drag. A documentary about the Settle-Carlisle railway (2.20) Knots Landing: Past Tense. Dallas spin-off which in America is currently rating higher than its more famous forebear

## BBC 2

- 6.45 Open University: Discovering Physics - Molecules at Large 7.10 Art in 15th century Florence. Ends at 7.35  
8.00 News  
8.15 Westminster presented by Brian Catto  
9.00 Mastermind 1986 introduced by Magnus Magnusson. Four more contenders seek a place in the semi-final (1)  
9.30 Roadshow. One of Britain's most famous public schools for girls, Roadshow stands on a bleak and windswept cliff-edge. Indicative of its character, its back is turned on the busy Brighton sea front and instead it looks out over the sea. Nevertheless, this school has not been totally unyielding to the pressures for change demanded by the 19th century and by the social pressures exerted on it. This 40-minute film looks at what it is like to be a girl at Roadshow, against a background of life at the school  
10.10 Country File. A documentary about the rebirth of Lough Neagh in Ulster, after it was overtaken by algae 20 years ago. Will water privatisation mean such regeneration becomes a reality (1)  
10.35 International One-Day Cricket. England v India at Headingley. After the rather rain-damaged Test series against New Zealand, the hope is for better weather during the series against India. Today's action comes from the first of two one-day matches played before the three Tests. Commentary by Clive Denness and Jack Barnard with summaries by Ray Illingworth and the legendary ex-captain of India, Sunil Gavaskar

- 3.10 Silent Revolution: Paying the Price. John Craven looks at the long and probably permanent effect that the industrialisation of agriculture has had on the landscape, the soil, us and presumably the rest of the planet (1)  
3.55 Popeye Double Bill 4.10 Ewoks (1) 4.35 Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great. American children's drama with the usual moral twist at the end  
5.00 Newsround  
5.10 Colour in the Creek. Drama series for children set in the Great Depression of the 1930s in a gold mining area of Australia that yields little wealth  
5.35 Neighbours. (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportsworld 5.40 Inside Ulster  
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather  
6.30 Regional News Magazines  
7.00 Wogan. Among tonight's guests is Dallas star Linda Gray  
7.00 Them and Us. The show that allows members of the public to air their grievances, whether they be about a neighbour, the role of a teacher or any matter about which they have a bee in their bonnet. The travelling voxbox captures the public in a complaining mood in Devon, sees Britain's most efficient traffic warden and meets Jo Bird, a member of the Ramblers Association, who challenges farmers who do not keep their footpaths free  
8.00 Lovejoy: The Axeman Cometh. Ian McShane plays a witty antiquer dealer who seems to run into trouble every time he spots a bargain. When Lovejoy buys an old Welsh dresser he forgets to look in the drawers in which there is a valuable gold Arabic head-dress. He is pursued not only by the taxman but also by a mad axeman who has instructions to get the head-dress back. With Phyllis Logan and Dudley Sutton (1) (Ceefax)  
8.50 Points of View presented by Tony Robinson  
9.00 Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party  
9.05 News with Michael Buerk. Weather  
9.55 News: Long Division with Ronald Eyre  
10.00 Being a man of the theatre, stage director Ronald Eyre not surprisingly has his antennae sensitively adjusted to pick up some theatrical signals as he paces and drives through the fields and villages immediately north and south of Ulster's border with the Republic of Ireland. He also picks up some acoustic signals, such as the fact that the South's most northerly point is further north than the North's. But, as he says, the theme of his film is attitudes, not latitudes, and his own personal attitude to the Irish problem is summarised in his three closing words: "What a waste!" A Yorkshireman with no religious affiliation, Ronald Eyre deserves to be listened to with more than usual interest when he explains why it is that he feels more at home with border Catholics than he does with border Protestants (1)  
10.25 Film: Dancescape (1984) starring Dennis Quaid, Kate Capshaw and Max von Sydow. Imaginative and well-made film about a government scientist who enlists the aid of a "dreamer" to sort out the President's dreams about a nuclear holocaust. Based on the early 1980s attempts by the CIA to enhance telepathic communication. Directed by Joseph Ruben  
12.00 Weather



Saskia Reeves plays Antonia (9.25pm)

psychiatrist (Brenda Bruce) knows that neither girl has been able to find what Jane calls "the other half that makes the perfect whole." Kahan stops short (as long way short) of contending that the two girls are the same, but she would have been the easy way out. Instead, she cleverly rubs out the boundaries that separate their experiences of men. The play makes imaginative use of the TV screen for the projection of the girls' anxieties, although one could argue that their predicaments have already been clearly established in the script. (Ceefax)  
10.30 Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party  
10.35 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman  
11.00 International One-Day Cricket. Highlights of the first one-day international between England and India at Headingley  
12.00 Weather  
12.05am Open University: Resource Constraints 12.30 Cast in the Night Mould? Ends at 1.00

## ITV LONDON

- 6.00 TV-am  
9.25 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe (1) 9.50 Thames News and weather 9.55 Inspector Gadget (1) 10.25 Vicky the Viking 10.50 News headlines 10.55 The Adventures of Black Beauty (1)  
11.25 Just for the Record. Louise Wallace in New Zealand becomes involved with a most expensive cat rescue 11.55 Tube Mice (1) 12.05 Allsorts (1)  
12.25 Home and Away. Australian soap 12.55 Thames News and weather  
1.00 News at One with John Suchet  
1.20 Turning the Tide: The Great Game Robbery. Presented by David Bellamy (1)  
1.50 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama 2.20 Take the High Road. Scottish soap  
2.50 What's My Line? Angela Rippon invites Michael Caine and Sara Haden to join celebrity panelists Lily Cooper and Roy Hudd in guessing the occupation of the contestants  
3.15 News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors  
3.55 The Wombles. (Oracle) 4.00 Bertie the Bear narrated by Bernard Cribbins 4.10 Fraggle Rock 4.40 Kratts Television. Matthew Kelly and the Roly Polys join in the fun  
5.10 Blockbusters  
5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather  
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Sprockley with advice on how to become a school governor  
6.00 Home and Away (1)  
6.30 Thames News and weather

- 7.00 Busman's Holiday. Sarah Kennedy hosts this enjoyable occupations quiz in which three teams compete for the star prize of an exotic foreign holiday. This week, the Goldstream Guards from London challenge Telesales from Southport and probation officers from North Curry, Shepton Mallet and Yeovil. (Oracle)  
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)  
8.00 Highway to Heaven. An angel on probation and his human sidekick continue to spread love and harmony through their good deeds  
9.00 The Sweeney: Messenger of the Gods. Dennis Waterman and John Thaw star in this tough vintage crime series (1)  
10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party  
10.05 News with Sandy Gall and Fiona Armstrong. Weather 10.35 Thames News and weather



Vanishing life in the rainforest (10.40pm)

10.40 Disappearing World: The Mende. Exactly why village life in the Sierra Leone rainforest is thought to be vanishing is not made clear in Bruce MacDonald's documentary.

## CHANNEL 4

- 8.00 Noah's Ark. The threatened black stork of the mountains of southwest Spain (1)  
8.20 Business Daily  
8.30 The Channel 4 Daily  
9.25 The Art of Landscape. Relaxing film set to smooth music  
11.00 As It Happens from the East of England Show in Peterborough  
12.00 The Parliament Programme  
12.30 Business Daily  
1.00 Sesame Street  
2.00 Working Words: We'll Let You Know. Richard Briers presents this vocational programme that aims to help both potential employers and employees alike (1) (Oracle)  
2.30 The World at Your Feet. The first in a repeat series of walks along spectacular trails around the world  
3.30 Up is Down/Spanish Peanuts. A challenge to conventions in this classic animation. Plus a Susby Berkeley-style dance number  
3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah Winfrey introduces 999 emergency callers to the emergency operators who originally took the calls  
4.30 Countdown  
5.00 Go For It. The show in which children get the chance to try by their hand at many different adventure-orientated activities. (Oracle)  
5.30 Flight Over Spain. Las Palmas de Gran Canaria from the air. Narrated by Allan Hargreaves. (Oracle)  
6.00 Leontyne. Series charting the journey of film producer Richard Gledhill from his childhood in his converted canal boat  
6.30 Tour De France 1990. Stage 17 - Lourdes to Pau, a distance of 148km

- 7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zarah Badawi  
7.50 Party Political Comment by a Conservative politician. Followed by Weather  
8.00 Brookside. Another episode of television's most true-to-life soap, centred on a Merseyside housing estate. (Oracle)  
8.30 Europe Express includes a night on the beat with two Warsaw policemen; an item on the Algerian vote in France; and a report on the legionnaires, the opera lovers who have prevented a successful staging of La Traviata at Milan's La Scala since Maria Callas last sang there in 1956



Scottish sculptor George Wyllie (8.00pm)

9.00 The Why?s Man. The play on words in the title of Murray Kinnear's wonderfully disorganised film about the Scots sculptor George Wyllie is more subtle than it looks. As an artist, in the same way that he is obsessed by the portable spires that symbolise the

"Civilisation" (i.e. the non-African way of life) is not shown to obliterate the villagers, though it does come as something of a shock when the motorcycle bearing the debt-collecting development official phut-phuts out of the jungle. MacDonald states his vantage point (although not always his thinking) with anthropologist Marlene Ferme, who has the advantage of speaking Mende. Without her, MacDonald would have had problems drawing out of the villagers so many fascinating facts about polygamy ("How do you keep your many wives under control?") "I give them food until they're stuffed!" And "My favourite wife isn't sleeping with me. I live out of the house. When I come back to the (duty roster) wife I'm supposed to be with!" (Oracle)  
11.40 TEC: Previous Convictions. Bland drama series centred on a Brussels-based private detective agency. (Oracle)  
12.40am Film: Madness of the Heart (1994, b/w). The late Margaret Lockwood and Maxwell Reed star in this intriguing tale of love and jealousy. A Harley Street secretary has an unexpected encounter with a handsome French nobleman. Directed by Charles Bennett

- 2.15 Videofashion  
2.40 America's Top Ten  
3.10 Tina Turner - Break Every Rule. One of pop's angriest singers in concert at London's Wembley Arena (1)  
4.10 Supercross. Action from the BonusPrint UK Open  
4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsreels  
5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchard. Ends at 6.00

fusion of the elements, Wyllie is obsessed by question marks, both as pure and simple shapes, and as symbols of the frustration he feels about the seemingly unanswerable "why?" of life. Since man has failed to achieve an equitable distribution of wealth, Wyllie tries to attain it through sculpture, but, it must be said, without much success. Sometimes, his breezy protests attract national attention, as when he is criticised by the Clyde shipyard, he built a huge paper boat, and it duly turned up in the Thames, complete with question-mark planted in its deck. Throughout the film, actor Bill Paterson assists Wyllie in snapshots of propagandist "reality."

10.00 The Gravy Train. Last episode of this witty parody of the bureaucratic, and in this case corrupt, affairs within the EC, written by Malcolm Breckford. With Alexei Sayle as the shady Eastern European entrepreneur and Ian Richardson as the first world campaign on the Galipoli peninsula, to his happy 80-year marriage to Evelyn Gibson. Tonight sees Bert's life changing when he joins Mickey Finn's boxing troupe as a prize fighter. (Oracle)  
12.50am Tour De France 1990. See 6.30  
1.25 The Confessions of Felix Krull: Confidence Man. Film adaptation of Thomas Mann's epic novel parodying bourgeois life in pre-first world war Germany (1). Ends at 2.20

## RADIO 1

- FM Stereo and MW  
5.00am Gary King 6.30 Bruno and Liz  
9.00 Simon Bates 11.00 The Radio 1 Roadshow 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00pm Newsbeat 4.00pm The Afternoon Show 5.00pm Mark Goodier 7.30pm Night 4. A night out in a fun town in the heart of London  
10.00pm Newsbeat 10.15pm Newsbeat 10.30pm Newsbeat 10.45pm Newsbeat 11.00pm Newsbeat 11.15pm Newsbeat 11.30pm Newsbeat 11.45pm Newsbeat 12.00pm Newsbeat 12.15pm Newsbeat 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45pm Newsbeat 12.55pm Newsbeat 1.00pm Newsbeat 1.15pm Newsbeat 1.30pm Newsbeat 1.45pm Newsbeat 1.55pm Newsbeat 2.00pm Newsbeat 2.15pm Newsbeat 2.30pm Newsbeat 2.45pm Newsbeat 2.55pm Newsbeat 3.00pm Newsbeat 3.15pm Newsbeat 3.30pm Newsbeat 3.45pm Newsbeat 3.55pm Newsbeat 4.00pm Newsbeat 4.15pm Newsbeat 4.30pm Newsbeat 4.45pm Newsbeat 4.55pm Newsbeat 5.00pm Newsbeat 5.15pm Newsbeat 5.30pm Newsbeat 5.45pm Newsbeat 5.55pm Newsbeat 6.00pm Newsbeat 6.15pm Newsbeat 6.30pm Newsbeat 6.45pm Newsbeat 6.55pm Newsbeat 7.00pm Newsbeat 7.15pm Newsbeat 7.30pm Newsbeat 7.45pm Newsbeat 7.55pm Newsbeat 8.00pm Newsbeat 8.15pm Newsbeat 8.30pm Newsbeat 8.45pm Newsbeat 8.55pm Newsbeat 9.00pm Newsbeat 9.15pm Newsbeat 9.30pm Newsbeat 9.45pm Newsbeat 9.55pm Newsbeat 10.00pm Newsbeat 10.15pm Newsbeat 10.30pm Newsbeat 10.45pm 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# Heathrow or Gatwick still 'best' for new runway

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

CECIL Parkinson, the transport secretary, has virtually ruled out any additional runway for Heathrow, Gatwick or Stansted airports to cope with the predicted "saturation level" in passenger traffic in the South East of England by the year 2005.

However, the best place for a new southeast airport runway, for passengers and airlines, is at Heathrow or Gatwick, the Civil Aviation Authority reported yesterday after two years of research.

Both these airports can accommodate an additional runway, but the CAA acknowledges that the Government may wish to rule them out "for wider reasons".

The CAA produced a 232-page report yesterday, naming Stansted, Luton, Bournemouth, Bristol, Lydd, and Manston as other possible sites, and gratefully handed over responsibility for making the choice to the government.

Mr Parkinson now faces one of the most sensitive political and environmental decisions for decades. An

early decision is unlikely. An indication of the difficulties came immediately after the report was published when Mr Parkinson announced the setting up of a working group to "explore the economic and environmental issues which will influence decisions on additional runway capacity for the southeast of England", and virtually ruled out any question of further runways at Heathrow, Gatwick or Stansted.

Although the CAA have not been asked, nor are able, to make specific recommendations of their own, they do make plain that the sooner a decision is made the better, and that something must be done by 1993 at the latest to cope with the enormous growth in air travel.

By using sophisticated computer techniques they have concluded that despite a slightly lower growth forecast than originally predicted, and a higher capacity at both Heathrow and Gatwick, the system will be completely saturated by the year 2005.

"In that year about four million passengers who would otherwise have travelled will not travel, and unless a new runway is provided by then this figure will rise sharply in subsequent years," they say in the report.

The opening of the Channel tunnel would have only a marginal effect on demand, attracting around seven million passengers a year in 2005. In that year the total of passengers likely to be passing through British airports is estimated at 204 million.

The CAA was not asked to study anything but the pure aviation aspects of a decision, and Clifford Pearce, the CAA's group director of economic regulation admitted: "Any decision is going to be extremely controversial, and is a job for the government and not the CAA."

In a letter to Mr Parkinson, CAA chairman Sir Christopher Tugendhat acknowledged that "you will wish to rule out, for wider reasons, some of the options we have considered, including perhaps those which are most attractive to airlines and their passengers."

Up to 50 per cent of passengers travelling between London, Paris and Brussels could be captured by British, French, and Belgian railways, when the Channel tunnel opens in 1993, British Rail said yesterday.

BA investment fear, page 25

## Safeguard on Poland is agreed

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been reached on a conventional forces in Europe pact and a 35-nation summit of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe will be triumphantly staged in Paris during November.

The key to yesterday's breakthrough on the frontier issue in the Paris talks appears to have been agreement on a twin-track approach: to formalising future relations between Poland and a unified Germany. As informed sources explained it, an initial treaty settling the question of borders will be rushed through, under the aegis of the allied powers, soon after reunification.

With that, the "two plus four" interest would come to an end, leaving Poland and Germany to work towards a more general treaty covering broader aspects of future ties.

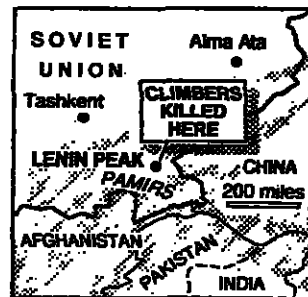
● **MOSCOW:** The Soviet press yesterday made much of Helmut Kohl's weekend talks with President Gorbachev but neither the press nor Soviet officials made any mention of Moscow's concession on Nato membership for a united Germany.



Daphne Parish, the British nurse released by Iraq, in Basra yesterday. She is expected to arrive in London today.

## 40 climbers killed on Soviet peak

FROM REUTERS  
IN MOSCOW



AT LEAST 40 climbers from five countries were killed by an avalanche in the Pamir mountains of Soviet Central Asia, a government official said yesterday. A landslide, triggered by a small earthquake, crashed down last Friday into their camp on a ledge 19,500ft up Lenin Peak, the Soviet Union's third highest mountain.

Vladimir Shatayev, head of the mountain rescue department of the State Sports Committee, said that six Czechoslovaks, four Israelis,

two Swiss, a Spaniard and 27 Soviet climbers were killed. He did not name them. Another three of the 140-strong expedition were also believed dead, but other

climbers had reported seeing them alive after the avalanche, he said.

Mr Shatayev said 23 of the dead were from Leningrad, and included Leonid Troshchenko, one of the Soviet Union's best known climbers. Lenin Peak, 23,456ft high, lies on the border between the Soviet republics of Kirghizia and Tajikistan, near the Chinese border.

A Swiss embassy spokesman said the foreigners had been invited to Lenin Peak by a Soviet trade union organisation. The surviving members of the expedition had been due

for evacuation on Monday, but it was not clear whether they had actually left the mountain yet, he said. "Reports are very sketchy from down there."

Mr Shatayev said heavy snow was hampering rescue work and the bodies had yet to be recovered.

The ledge had been used by climbers since the 1930s, he told Tass news agency, with camps at that site almost continuously since 1974. "No body could have anticipated what happened. This is the worst tragedy in the history of Soviet mountaineering."

### Political sketch

## Songs of praise to soothe the 'beast'

"Don't let's be beastly to the Germans" sang Noel Coward.

"We mustn't let them feel upset. Or ever get The feeling that we're cross with them or hate them..."

And that was the mood yesterday. Everybody was making an effort not to be beastly to the Germans. Everyone except Ted Garrett (L. Wallend), but we shall come to him in a moment.

Edwina Currie (C. Derbyshire S.) in a white sailor-suit, was being beastly to nobody. The soul of charm, she started with Mrs Thatcher. "May I say to the prime minister that she's looking jolly nice today!" she beamed.

Mrs Thatcher — in a purple, power-buttoned Mao-tunic — could have replied "I regret to inform my hon. friend that the post of industry secretary has already been filled. However there may be some suitable opportunities coming up in the near future, and I will keep your helpful offer on record". She chose instead to "return the compliment", and to reply to the serious part of her question, about the latest Russo-German accord.

Historic accommodations have often come to be named after the place at which accord was reached. Camp David has become synonymous with Israeli-Egyptian rapprochement; school children learn of the Peace of Westphalia, the Treaty of Versailles and the Helsinki Declaration, and would be conversant with the Peace of Vereeniging if they could pronounce it. But Messrs Kohl and Gorbachev met in Mineralnye-Vodny, which sounds more like a bracing tonic than a love-fest. Still, "Vodny Accord" has a ring.

Mrs Thatcher loves it already. Stopping just short of bursting into Coward's song "It was just those nasty Nazis who persuaded them to fight."

And their Beethoven and Bach are really far worse than their bile."

she told Mrs Currie that the cold war was over. She didn't add, as Coward did: "Let's be sweet to them And day by day repeat to them That sterilizing simply isn't done."

And try to bring out their latent sense of fun. Let's give them full air parity..."

Garrett: "And treat the rats with charity."

MPs in chorus: "But don't let's be beastly to the Hunt!"

And Sir Bernard Braine (C. Castle Point) didn't quite snicker.

"Let's help the bloody swine again."

To occupy the Rhine again. But don't let's be beastly to the Hunt!"

But he nearly did. He mentioned Poland, and worries about German territorial ambitions. Would she agree on the need for a new treaty?

"Though they've been a little naughty to the Czechs and Poles and Dutch."

I don't suppose those countries really mind it very much," was the gist of her reply. One could not expect a treaty, she said, though a bilateral deal would help.

Roy Hattersley (L. Sparkbrook) was upset at Mr Ridley (C. Cirencester & Tewkesbury) on Germany's behalf. With Coward, he all but sang:

"For many years They've been in floods of tears."

And Mrs Thatcher, he claimed, by failing to sack Mr Ridley, had made it worse.

She tried again. Her tone only slightly less lyrical than Coward's.

"Let's employ with them. A sort of strength through joy with them."

Let's let them feel they're swell again..."

But hark! A dissenting voice: "And bomb us all to hell again..."

It was Ted Garrett — and, no, that isn't quite what he said: he said that a glance at history, or war experience like his, would be salutary.

You could have heard a pin drop. Labour's pro-German solidarity shattered! Dennis Skinner (L. Bolsover) broke in. "They should 'ave 'im at the seminars!"

Mrs Thatcher tried to pick up the pieces. She would have done better with Coward's own lyrics.

"Let's be meek with them. And turn the other cheek with them."

Matthew Parris

## Times man expelled

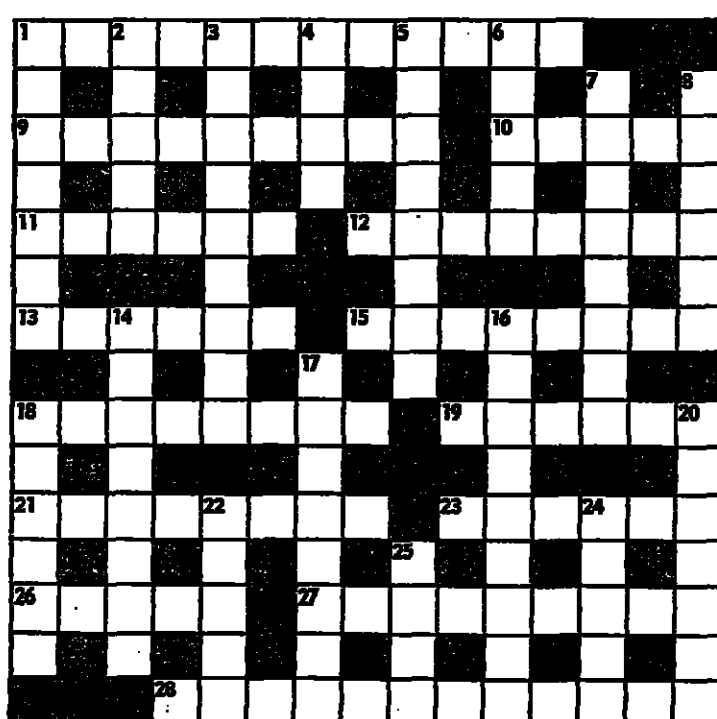
By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CHRISTOPHER Walker, a staff correspondent for The Times, has been expelled from Kenya after being fined by a court for working without a permit. Mr Walker, who appeared in court shortly after questioning, pleaded guilty and was fined 20,000 Kenyan shillings (£484). He had been

sent to Nairobi to cover the recent anti-government disturbances.

The magistrate, Mr Omondi Tunya, said that any other journalists convicted of working without official permits and writing "malicious reports" would receive custodial sentences.

### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,349



- ACROSS**
- New arts post in this place? It's way above us (12).
  - Dog holding Indian at bay (3-6).
  - Brute's expression of defiance starts to occur openly (5).
  - Without money a French president appears different (6).
  - Woman writer keeps the record for a pound (5-3).
  - Artificial tears, possibly — an unknown quantity (6).
  - Rule out copyright in one form of music (8).
  - In a religious house it has precedence (8).
  - Weapon found on banks of a Welsh river (6).
  - Songs and dance to Latin lines (8).
  - Rendering reductions in retrospect to firm (16).
- DOWN**
- Course for a keen viewer, we hear (5).
  - One has uncle assumed, being not professional (9).
  - Two-page illustration of moderate party meal? (6,6).
  - Take in birds upset after transport overruns (7).
  - Spurs finally have a brawl with the Spanish (5).
  - Rest fitfully after cards are dealt by him? (9).
  - Party is upset in S. Africa — the drink... (4).
  - ... may thaw out in the Cape! (8).
  - An echoing sound from the nursery, perhaps (5).
  - Rodent has lump of meat, say, about an hour after midday (8).
  - The energy a chucker-out needs to do his job (6).
  - Celebrate having rise in cash (8).
  - Approach to union puts choir in a tizzy (9).
  - Astronomical phenomenon beginning to involve us after December 1st (8).
  - Dash after this to obtain wall coating (6).
  - Man consumed bread and tried to catch fish (7).
  - Speaker's announcement that he'll identify this passage (5).
  - Many a revolutionary's ammunition store (5).
  - Nothing more than a Maori war-clad (4).

**Solution to Puzzle No 18,348**

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R U B B E R S O A D A I S T  
K A N E O Q O M  
S L I G H T A L L O W A N C E

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 41 per cent of the competitors at the 1990 Bristol regional final of The Times Collins Dictionary Crossword Championship.

### WEATHER

England, Wales and most of Scotland will have a dry day with some sunshine. Some western coasts will, however, remain rather misty with low cloud. It will be dry with sunny intervals in Northern Ireland, but the extreme north-west of Scotland and the northern isles will be rather cloudy with a little drizzle in places. It will be very warm throughout the country. Outlook: showers in the far northwest of the country will move towards the east and die out.

#### ABROAD

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Algeria	28-34	S	10-20
Athens	28-34	S	10-20
Bombay	28-34	S	10-20
Buenos Aires	28-34	S	10-20
Calcutta	28-34	S	10-20
Cairo	28-34	S	10-20
Colon	28-34	S	10-20
Hong Kong	28-34	S	10-20
London	28-34	S	10-20
Madras	28-34	S	10-20
Mumbai	28-34	S	10-20
Paris	28-34	S	10-20
Rangoon	28-34	S	10-20
Singapore	28-34	S	10-20
Tokyo	28-34	S	10-20
Yokohama	28-34	S	10-20

#### AROUND BRITAIN

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud
London	28-34	S	10-20
Manchester	28-34	S	10-20
Edinburgh	28-34	S	10-20
Belfast	28-34	S	10-20
Cardiff	28-34	S	10-20
Exeter	28-34	S	10-20
Gloucester	28-34	S	10-20
Leeds	28-34	S	10-20
Liverpool	28-34	S	10-20
Nottingham	28-34	S	10-20
Sheffield	28-34	S	10-20
Southampton	28-34	S	10-20
Stirling	28-34	S	10-20
Wolverhampton	28-34	S	10-20

### WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

- ELAPHINE**
- False ivory
  - Like a red deer
  - A semi-precious blue stone
- CHABOUK**
- A horseplay
  - A Rocky Mountain wind
  - A Persian dresser
- MOURNIVAL**
- A funeral refreshments
  - A pack-horse
  - A set of four
- CIBATION**
- A cooking
  - A search for philosopher's stone
  - Voting by acclamation

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### AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic and roadworks information, 24-hours a day, dial 0836 401 followed by the appropriate code.

Area	Code
London & SE traffic, roadworks	1
C. London (within N & S Circs.)	131
M-ways/roads M4-M1	732
M-ways/roads M1-Dartford	733
M-ways/roads Dartford-T. M25	734
M-ways/roads M25-M4	735
M25 London Orbital only	736
National traffic and roadworks	737
National motorways	738
West Country	739
Wales	740
Midlands	741
East Anglia	742
North-west England	743
North-east England	744
Scotland	745
Northern Ireland	746
AA Roadwatch is charged at 5p for 8 seconds (peak and standard) 5p for 12 seconds (off peak).	

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### HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Bournemouth, Dorset, 26C (79F); lowest day temp: Fair Isle, Shetland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Kinross, Perth, 0.8 in; highest sunshine: Prestwick, Ayrshire, 12.5 hr.

### MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 24C (75F); min 6 pm to 8 am, 11C (52F); Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 12.2 hr.

### GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 22C (72F); min 6 pm to 8 am, 10C (50F); Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 14.3 hr.

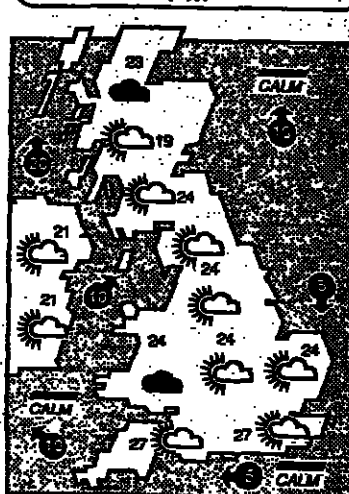
### POLLEN COUNT

The pollen count for London and the South-East was 1000 on Monday. The count for the rest of the country was 100. For the next 24 hours call National Pollen and Hay Fever Bureau: 0800 500429 (updated at midday).

### AM



### PM



### LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.00 pm to 5.00 am  
Bristol 9.10 pm to 5.10 am  
Edinburgh 9.45 pm to 5.45 am  
Manchester 9.20 pm to 5.04 am  
Penzance 9.24 pm to 5.35 am

### YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, rain; s, sun.

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Belfast	20-26	S	10-20
Birmingham	21-27	S	10-20
Bristol	21-27	S	10-20
Cardiff	21-27	S	10-20
Edinburgh	19-25	S	10-20
Glasgow	20-26	S	10-20

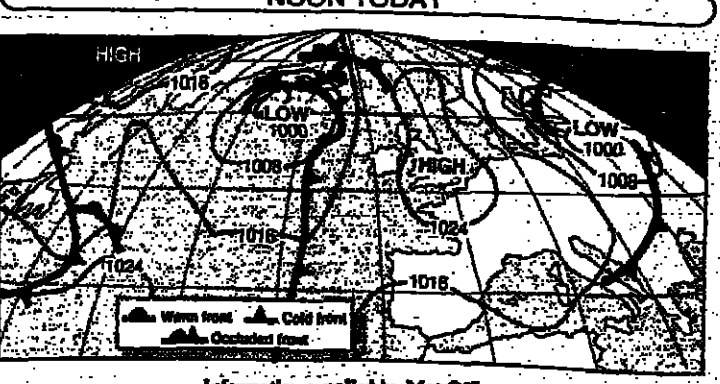
### TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lit at the following times today: 4.00 pm, 5.00 pm, 9.00 pm and 10.15 pm.

### HIGH TIDES

Area	Time	Area	Time
London Bridge	10.38	London	10.38
Abbeville	10.15	Lowestoft	6.30
Avalonmouth	9.43	Margate	8.42
Belfast	9.43	Millport Haven	2.38
Cardiff	9.43	Newquay	1.38
Exeter	9.43	Oman	2.48
Gloucester	9.43	Portsmouth	1.11
Leeds	9.43	Swansea	1.11
Liverpool	9.43	Torquay	1.11
Nottingham	9.43	Wexford	1.11
Sheffield	9.43	Yarmouth	1.11

### NOON-TODAY



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## BUSINESS

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Dunsdale enquiry  
'will take months'

ROBERT Miller, sole director of the collapsed investment company, Dunsdale Securities, was yesterday again remanded in custody by Bow Street Magistrates' Court on two charges of theft. He was remanded until Tuesday, but is not scheduled to appear in court again until August 14.

The Serious Fraud Office, which is prosecuting the case, said that investigations would take several months and that Price Waterhouse, the accountant, was examining the company's books.

## American trade deficit rises

The American trade deficit jumped 6 per cent in May, but the commerce department expressed confidence that the annual deficit this year will fall below \$100 billion.

May's deficit was \$7.7 billion, against \$7.3 billion in April, after imports rose 2.9 per cent, led by oil imports. Financial markets showed little reaction to the news with most eyes focused on today's address to Congress by Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Board chairman.

## Campari climbs

Shares in Campari International, the leisure wear group, jumped 34p to 230p after Wing Tai, a clothing manufacturer based in the Far East, bought 29.6 per cent from the Nordin family for a basic £8.1 million. The interim dividend is 2.5p (2p) after pre-tax profits 40 per cent up at £1.28 million.

## Report blocked

The Isle of Man high court yesterday granted a request by the director of public prosecutions to prevent publication of a report into the collapse of the Savings and Investment Bank after being told that publication on the British mainland might prejudice criminal proceedings.

## Asda setback

High interest rates affected Asda, the supermarket group, last year and helped to cut pre-tax profits 27 per cent to £180.3 million. A 2.95p final dividend makes 4.8p (same), *Tempos, page 25*

## THE POUND

US dollar 1.8110 (+0.0070)  
W German mark 2.9817 (+0.0024)  
Exchange index 94.0 (+0.2)

## STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1912.9 (+12.0)  
FT-SE 100 2415.0 (+8.5)  
New York Dow Jones 2990.84 (-8.91)  
Tokyo Nikkei Ave 33172.28 (+150.55)  
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## INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 15%  
3-month interbank 14 1/4-14 1/2%  
3-month eligible bills 14 1/4-14 1/2%  
US: Prime Rate 10%  
Federal Funds 9 1/4%  
3-month Treasury Bills 7 63/64-7 1/2%  
30-year bonds 103 1/4-103 1/2%

## CURRENCIES

London: New York: £1 8110 \$1.8110  
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# No loaves and fishes for Major

## COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

John Major seldom seems to have much reason to smile, but the June Public Sector Borrowing Requirement may give him a chance to grin into his cocoa tonight. Tomorrow he goes to cabinet to try to convince the spending ministers that their extravagance has to be kept in check this year. He goes in this time armed, not with the loaves and fishes of an economic miracle but with the harsh reality of a sharp deterioration in government finances. If any of his cabinet colleagues chooses to doubt the seriousness of his intent, he has only to tap the notebook containing the latest Public Sector Borrowing Requirement.

Fifteen years or so have elapsed since government finances last deteriorated as fast as they have been damaged during the first quarter of the current financial year. But then there was a Labour government which put a balanced budget fairly low on its list of priorities. Now we have a government which sets great store by housewifely economics, and the apparent loss of control will be as damaging to govern-

ment morale as it is to the gilt-edged market, perhaps even more so.

The PSBR is at the best of times a fairly erratic statistic, but four deficits in a row could be the outline of a melodrama yet to unfold. At this point in the year, it would not have been surprising to see a figure close to zero for the quarter, and still be heading for the published budget target of a £7 billion surplus for the year. But after three months, the latest of which showed a deficit of £2.6 billion, the account is £6.5 billion in the red, or £13.5 billion adrift of the year-end estimate. Given electricity privatisation to come, it is by no means impossible that the ground will be made up. But it does look unlikely.

When all else fails, most ills can be blamed on the poll tax, and the PSBR is no exception. The beginning of this year has seen distortions in the pace of payments to local authorities, with more "front end loading" of

grants. Although the level of non payment of individual poll tax has been played down, in order not to encourage further financial disobedience, it has undoubtedly also had an effect.

Just how much of an effect depends on whether one believes the briefings from the Treasury (which sees it as a significant factor) above those of the environment department (which does not).

The effect does not add up, however, to £6.5 billion in three months, and there are clear signs that spending has overshot, especially in defence. This is what Major is intent on pulling back into line tomorrow.

The gilt-edged market took umbrage at the figures and

knocked up to a pound off at the long end. The prospect of a substantial deviation from the budget target raises the possibility of the government once again becoming a net issuer of gilts, a possibility that will appeal to any remnant monetarist left within the chancellor. Hardly by design, he would have a second club with which to bash inflation. He might even be able to concoct a "market", rather than interventionist, excuse for keeping interest rates high.

As ever, we will need to see the next set of data before we know whether the June figures represent a serious but self-correcting blip, or a more serious fault in the economy. But until the government itself decides whether the

Treasury or the environment department is making the right assessment, the market will remain nervous.

## Booker buys

Booker will have to sell an awful lot of sausage rolls to please the market in the wake of the Fitch Lovell deal. The company is prepared to admit to potential gearing as high as 170 per cent the day the acquisition is finalised, although at least one analyst's forecast runs considerably higher.

The Fitch takeover was one of those deals just waiting to happen. A chronic underperformer, the company saw its shares come off over the past year by £1 at one stage from a high of 290p. They were languishing at 219p before the Booker offer, refreshingly unexcited, boosted them by 78p.

Booker is paying a fair price for

a business, only half of which it is reckoned to want. There are two obvious advantages. Vertical integration on the fish side would add value to Booker's farmed salmon by supplying and boosting Fitch's prepared fish business. Economies of scale once the distribution businesses are merged would come from depot rationalisation, cut-backs in inventories and better use of the transport fleet.

The entire Fitch manufacturing side barring fish is thought to be surplus to requirements, which would at least cut the merged group's exposure to the pork cycle, Fitch's Achilles heel.

Booker is paying an historic multiple of 14.1 times and a 41 per cent premium, before its own shares began to slide, to the price at the start of this week. That share price fall looks like something of a buying opportunity, given Booker's long-term attractions.

Meanwhile, Fitch, at 297p some 5p under the cash-and-shares terms on offer, could be a cheap way in, especially given the 8.5p second interim dividend thrown in as well.

## Asda formula faces the test

STEPHEN MARKESON

ASDA, the supermarket group whose shares reached their sell-by date last year at 212p, has had a clear-out. The financial nasties on the shelves came as no surprise but they knocked 27 per cent off pre-tax profits for the year to April, at £180.3 million.

The main reason for the shortfall was the effect of the rise in interest rates on a balance sheet bearing the £705 million cost of last October's acquisition of 60 Gateway stores. The charge was £29.9 million after £38.1 million of interest was capitalised.

Interest rates also hit Asda's non-food businesses, with Allied Maples profits halving to £6.7 million and MFI, where Asda has a 25 per cent stake, contributing a £1.5 million loss. And Asda reckons that the slowdown in consumer spending deprived the furniture profits of £25 million and other non-food products of £20 million.

The delay in acquiring the Gateway stores cost £15 million. Problems with the distribution system cost a further £16 million. There are £8.1 million extraordinary charges for "inefficiencies incurred in the distribution system" and £4.4 million for the costs associated with the introduction of George Davies' footwear and clothing ranges. The George Davies Partnership contributed a £400,000 loss.

The Gateway deal has left gearing at 79 per cent and the group may issue a capital conversion bond for around £150 million if its share price picks up. In the meantime property and land disposals are slowly bringing borrowing down.

Attention should now focus on the basic Asda trading formula. John Hardman, chairman and chief executive, says shoppers prefer his mixture of food and non-food and that like-for-like sales are running at about 5.5 per cent up. But the jury remains out on the Asda formula. The shares, up 4p at 118p, are trading on a prospective p/e of 10.7 assuming pre-tax profits of £200



Favourite formula: John Hardman says customers prefer a mix of fashion and food

million this year. They are at a discount to the sector but given that interim profits will be down this year, investors should wait for some positive signs of an upturn at Asda before rushing out to buy.

### Campari

CAMPARI International's 40 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £1.28 million on an 18 per cent rise in turnover, albeit for the less important first half to end-May, is impressive for a clothing manufacturer and shows the benefit of specialisation in Far East-sourced leisure wear for the youth market and selling more than half of output abroad, chiefly on the Continent.

However, the results, and the medium-term potential were overshadowed by the arrival of the Cheng family, of Hong Kong, whose much larger Wing Tai property and textile group in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia bought the Polly Peck Far East textile business and has been keen to find an outlet to expand sales in Europe. If Wing Tai can do anything

like as well for Campari as Sweden's Ake Nordin, who bought at 49p in 1986 and has sold his 29.6 per cent stake for 270p plus, outside shareholders could be in for an interesting time. Given Campari's established brands and geographical expansion, more financial muscle could move the operation into a bigger league.

The base is not extravagant. Good early orders for the autumn season suggest that BZW's pre-tax forecast of £4.75 million for the year is reasonable, rating the shares, up 24p to 230p, at less than 7 times prospective earnings. The potential for outweights the risk of change in management control.

### Perkins Foods

PERKINS Foods is going flat out for growth, and looks set for net earnings progression of 20 per cent this year and next.

The latest companies joining its fold are de Souffle, the frozen filled pancake maker, and Bakker, the convenience foods group. Both are Dutch. The cost is an initial £21.4 million, which may be topped

up by £1.2 million, depending on profits. The companies are being bought on a prospective p/e of 9.7. They will increase the Dutch profits base from 75 per cent to 80 per cent and open up further opportunities within Germany. They should also be earnings positive this year, and will help lift Perkins' net asset base from £21 million to £43 million.

Funding is via a £28.9 million convertible preference issue at 100p a share on the basis of one for every 3.7152 shares held. The coupon is 8 per cent, and the conversion terms on the 2005 dated issue are 70.92 ordinaries for every 100 preference shares, equivalent to 141p a Perkins share, or an 11 per cent premium over the current share price.

Perkins will have spare cash, and no borrowings, after paying for the Dutch concerns so further deals are likely. Meanwhile, interim profits have been forecast at £7 million, or 88 per cent up, and analysts expect £18 million (£9.8 million) for the full year. The share's prospective p/e of 13 is a premium to the sector, but justified.

BRITISH Airways is now 40 per cent owned by foreign investors, raising fears over its future standing as a British airline.

Of the 720 million shares in the company, worth £1.5 billion, 33 per cent are owned by north Americans with the rest spread among investors from 117 other countries. When the airline was first privatised, about 5 per cent of the shares were taken up by investors on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges.

Increasing demand for the shares in north America over the last 12 months has seen the number soar.

In the airline's original articles of association, a "trigger" of 35 per cent foreign investment was set as a maximum because a higher number could have raised doubts over the airline's right to be licensed as a British carrier on international routes. Although no legal precedent has been established for the precise amount of acceptable foreign holding, worried board members ordered a regular check to be made on the growing number of foreign shareholders. By the autumn, it was clear the 35 per cent limit would be breached.

With the strong pound continuing to raise American interest in British shares, it is feared the figure could go even higher. Plans are being drawn up to ask the government to introduce control which would force some of the shareholders to disinvest.

So far, the airline remains outwardly calm about the foreign holdings, arguing that as BA is a global airline flying

## Foreign investors now own 40% of British Airways

to many different countries, it is a good thing for investment to be spread as widely as possible.

Lord King, the chairman, told the annual meeting yesterday: "We are an international company serving an international market and we are happy with the wide international spread of our ownership. We are watching it

● We are an international company serving an international market. We are happy with the international spread of our ownership ●

very closely and if we think there is any danger of the shareholding going to a level that would mean we were becoming foreign-controlled, we have the right to ask for shareholders to disinvest."

Others, however, are concerned that if the figure goes any higher the airline could be open to legal challenge about its "Britishness", especially as the law surrounding the issue is so vague.

BA, which has one American on the ten-man board, has the highest level of foreign investors of any major British company and is testing the legal waters in advance of the European single market in 1992 when it should become

technically possible for European investors to buy shares anywhere in the community.

For the moment, however, the level of foreign shareholdings appears to be acceptable, at least to the board, because with 320,000 individual shareholders, no single shareholder has a stake larger than 5 per cent at the most.

At yesterday's meeting,

Lord King defended the airline's contribution to Conservative party funds, and his own salary increase.

In a series of exchanges with shareholders, he refused to justify his own reported 33 per cent salary increase to more than £500,000 a year.

Lord King told shareholders, who challenged the donation to the Conservatives, that the government had rescued the airline after years in the commercial wilderness.

"When I came to this airline, it was a mess. It was owned by the government — it had been owned by successive governments for years."

"There was no way that this

company could go forward. Mrs Thatcher came in, she said she wanted the airline straightened out and she wanted it to be part of the private sector, and that is where it is now," he said.

He added: "We are doing what we believe, in our opinion, is the best thing to do and the best way to look after shareholders' money."

Lord King also refused to answer questions about the dismissal of a BA manager after 26 years service with the company.

He said the case of Jane Lloyd, aged 47, who was suspended and then dismissed from the shuttle section, was being considered by an industrial tribunal and it would be wrong for him to comment.

He did, however, add: "I feel very sad and very sorry that this sort of situation can arise."

● A Belgian court froze landing slot allocations at Brussels airport for Sabena World Airways, a joint venture airline between BA, Belgium's Sabena and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

The ruling followed a complaint by the Belgian carrier Trans European Airways (TEA), objecting to the link-up on competition grounds. TEA said the ruling meant SWA's development plans were effectively halted until Belgium allowed greater competition from other Belgian carriers on international scheduled flights.

HARVEY ELLIOTT  
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## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### Jobbing into history

THE jobbing fraternity of yesterday has, at the request of an Australian academic, been projecting itself back to the days when the stock exchange had a trading floor. And becoming somewhat over-excited in the process. "They bang their fists on the table and often get very over excited," says Bernard Attard, who is attached to the Centre for Metropolitan History, part of London University. He is now more than half way through recording 40 interviews, mostly with jobbers but including one or two stockbrokers and fund managers as well. "We want to record an oral history of the jobbing system of the London Stock Exchange, which ceased after Big Bang in 1986," Attard explains. Once complete, the tapes will be stored in the sound archives at the British Library and Attard then hopes to turn them into a book. With his chosen interviewees including people like Sir Nigel Althaus, the former government broker, and Marcus Colby, at 86 the oldest stockbroker still in full-time employ, Attard had expected to encounter traditional British reserve and stiff upper lip. But, clearly, he had not encountered stockjobbers before. "They were all extremely forceful characters and I was amazed at how relaxed they were. I was expecting them to be far more reserved," he says. "When they talked about the floor, they really could project

themselves back. They got incredibly excited and over heated — it was just as if they were still there."

AN EMBARRASSING slip of the tongue at the Argill annual meeting, at the Savoy Hotel, yesterday. Alistair Grant, the chairman, at the end of the official proceedings, invited his assembled shareholders "to enjoy some of our own label wines, which are very competitively priced, I can assure you."

### Warne-ing words

AS A breed, accountants are not best known for their literary prowess. Fellow members of the profession were, therefore, somewhat bemused at the choice of gift given by Chris Benbow, chairman of the Association of Practising Accountants — a group of 20 accountancy firms that discusses common problems and solutions — to John Warne. The informal presentation to Warne, on his retirement as secretary to the Institute of Chartered Accountants, was of a dictionary and *Roger's Thesaurus*. Warne, it turns out, is something of a linguist. He speaks fluent Russian, German and French and, a little apologetically, admits to only being able to read Polish and Hungarian. One member of the gathering that witnessed the ceremony looked up the word "accountant" in the thesaurus and found the word "baboo". In the dictionary, it seems, a baboo was defined as "a derogatory word for a native of India who had

acquired some superficial education in English."

### Nomads strike

THE triumphant run by Hill Samuel's new unit trust polo team was stopped in its tracks last weekend when it was beaten by half a point in the Social Cup final at Smith's Lawn by a team called Nomads. A last minute goal by Julian Lancaster, Hill Samuel's captain, was insufficient to save the day. The result was, however, good news for Jock Green-Armstrong, the chief executive of Kelt Energy and former managing director of Guthrie Corporation. He turned out to be the Nomads' back marker and the man who saw off many of Hill Samuel's most threatening charges. Hill Samuel, meanwhile, says it is now concentrating on the Flemish Farm Trophy, next month, and adds that its race new uniforms should be ready by then.

### Right attitude

JEREMY Edwards, group managing director of Henderson Administration, the fund management group, is setting something of a precedent for City firms when it comes to man-management. For Edwards, aged 53, who joined Henderson's in 1974 and has been at the helm, along with Ben Wrey, deputy chairman and chief executive, for nearly 10 years, has decided to interview each of the 480 employees at the firm's Finsbury Avenue offices about their attitudes and morale. "We have never done an attitude

survey before," says Edwards, who manages to maintain his own relaxed attitude by spending as much time as possible at his retreat in Tuscany. "We are in a very modern high-tech building and morale is actually pretty high. This is just a way of encouraging people to speak out."

### Doctor signs off

LEWIS Robertson, the company doctor who tends the corporate sick and dying, has just worked himself out of another job. Robertson, aged 67 and "with lots of life left in me yet", is stepping down as chairman of Triplex Lloyd, the building products and engineering group that has been his corporate patient since 1982. Triplex Lloyd this week reported its sixth successive year of increased dividends, and turned in pre-tax profits of £12.2 million (£7.74 million). Robertson, understandably, now feels that his stewardship in Triplex Lloyd can be discharged "whilst there are new demands for my time and services elsewhere". So far this year he has apparently received eight approaches for his healing services. "I have been approached by two serious plc companies, both of which have serious troubles, but I concluded that they were too sick to help," he confides intriguingly, refusing to disclose any further details. "I had ideas for the third plc, but the bank would not go along with my plans."

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# Bunning blames long-term troubles for £1.41m loss

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BRUNNING Group, the troubled advertising and marketing company, has fallen to a £1.41 million pre-tax loss in the year to end-March, after making a £962,000 profit in the previous year.

The company yesterday blamed "long-term inherent problems", heightened in the short term by difficult economic conditions.

Bunning's profits fell 5p to 56p on news of a recovery in second-half operating profits and a reduced interest charge. The shares stood at 122p before last October's profits warning.

David Linnell, the chairman, said operating profits in the final six months reached £763,000, compared with a £299,000 first-half operating loss. Interest costs fell from £380,000 in the first half to £248,000 in the second, with net debt down from a £7 million peak last year to £3 million at the March year-end.

The sale of Burrellfield House, a freehold property no longer occupied by Bunning, should raise another £1 million towards reducing debt.

Interest paid during the year

totalled £628,000, compared with £9,000 the previous year. Turnover was down from £74.3 million to £71.7 million.

A £1.25 million exceptional item is blamed for much of the loss. The money relates to reorganisation costs, redundancy payments to about 100 employees and £120,000 severance payment to Trevor Shonfield, who was replaced as chief executive by Neil McClure last autumn.

A £1.12 million extraordinary charge includes closure costs, a loss on the sale of Novolator, the glass processing subsidiary, and the write-off of an investment in a joint venture with Ketchum Communications, the American agency.

Mr Linnell said business was picking up, pointing to accounts won from Bass, British Gas, Dun & Bradstreet, Polly Peck, SmithKline Beecham and Tesco among others.

Shareholders, who received a 5p dividend last time, will not receive a payout this year. Bunning reported a loss per share of 19.9p, compared with earnings per share of 14.6p last year.

## Hampson rises 27% to £7.9m

By MARTIN BARROW

PROFITS at Hampson Industries, the industrial group, rose 27 per cent to £7.91 million for the year to March, on turnover up 22 per cent to £69.7 million.

Fully diluted earnings per share rose 11 per cent to 7.89p. A final dividend of 1.95p for a share makes 2.55p for the year, up 33 per cent. There is a one-for-one scrip issue.

The profitability increase was achieved against a background of falling demand for consumer products, which account for 25 per cent of operating profits. John Wardle, chairman, said the results were "a pleasant surprise".

Hampson's precision engineering businesses, which contributed 36 per cent of profits, benefited from growth in the civil aircraft industry and increased demand for vehicle turbochargers.

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## Profits top \$6.8m at Borland

By OUR CITY STAFF

SHARES in Borland International, the American computer software house which is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, rose 35p to £10.68 after first-quarter pre-tax profits of \$6.82 million.

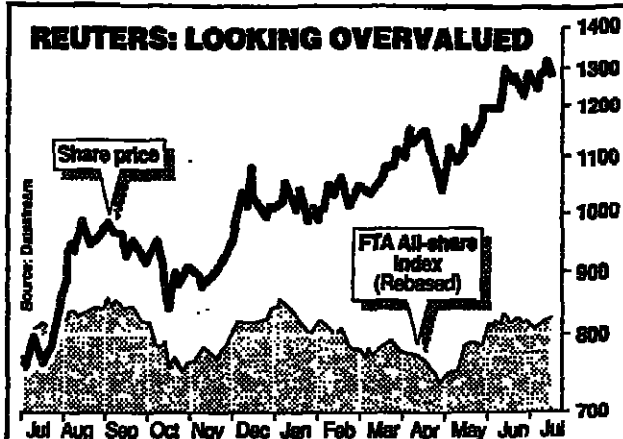
Turnover for the three months to the end of June was \$41.07 million, 78 per cent higher than the opening quarter of last year and almost 18 per cent higher than the preceding three months. Earnings climbed from 13 cents a share to 32 cents.

Philip Kahn, chairman and chief executive, said profits reflected rising sales of the Paradox database and Quattro Pro spreadsheet. With cash balances of \$46 million, Borland netted investment income of \$655,000, reversing last year's charge of \$105,000.

Quattro Pro is the subject of legal action brought against Borland by Lotus Development, one of the world's largest makers of computer software. Lotus alleges that Quattro Pro is a copy of its own 1-2-3 system. Borland is contesting the claim.

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# German food chain plans £50m bite into sector



BRITISH food retailers could soon find their position under threat from Europe as Aldi, the private West German supermarket chain, presses ahead with plans to open 200 stores in this country within the next two to three years.

Britain's retailers appeared to be taking the challenge calmly, but Kleinwort Benson, the securities house, issued a warning that the West Germans could take a bite of about £50 million out of their total profits.

Kleinwort estimates that, even on a conservative estimate, Aldi will soon account for 2.5 per cent of the food-retailing market. Alistair Grant, the chairman of Argill, admits that by the time Aldi reaches its target of 200 stores, it will probably account for 5 per cent of the market.

A recent survey showed that Aldi is already undercutting many rivals in prices on the shelves.

The chains most likely to be affected include Kwik Save Discount, 6p higher at 488p, Argill, 2p better at 250p, Wm Morrison, 1p firmer at 188p, and Asda, up 4p at 118p.

Meanwhile, the full-year figures from Asda were every bit as bad as feared with taxable profits sliding from £246.6 million to £180.3 million. The company blamed the cost of its takeover of the Gateway supermarkets chain and the downturn in consumer spending, resulting in poor performance from food retailing and Allied Carpets, as well as from MFI Furniture, where it holds 25 per cent. The group has sold two development sites to Tesco for £19 million.

But some experts are taking a more optimistic view of Asda's prospects. BZW has raised its profit estimate for

prices in London closed below their best with earlier gains under the hammer. The FT-SE 100 index finished 8.5 up at 2,415.0 having been 24.1 higher. The FT index of 30 shares rose 12.0 to 1,912.9. Turnover improved to almost 500 million shares, although trading was again described as thin.

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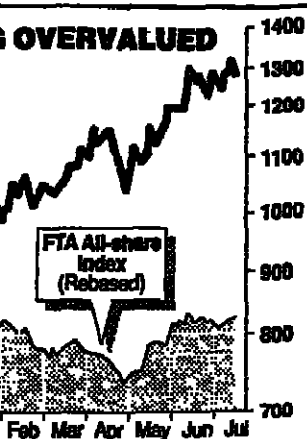
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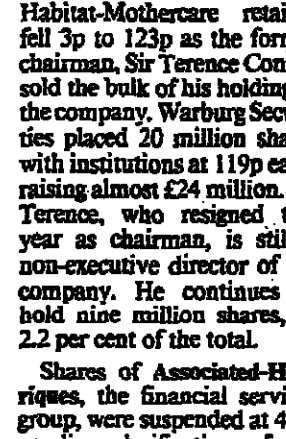
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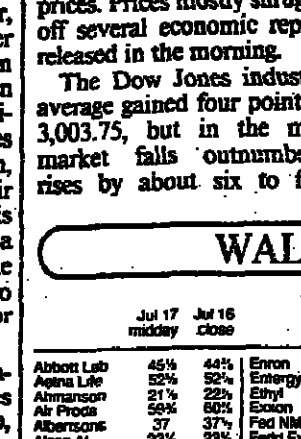
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### OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

105% 79% Conv	91% 2005	87%
103% 86% Each	101% 2005	94%
116% 85% Trees	121% 2003-05	100%
94% 89% Trees	121% 2003-05	78%
96% 73% Trees	81% 2007	81
111	114% 2003-07	102%
53% 77% Trees	9% 2008	85%
125 105% Trees	131% 2004-08	114
85% 68% Trees	8% 2009	77
94 77% Conv	9% 2011	85%
93% 50% Trees	55% 2008-12	73%
82% 67% Trees	71% 2015-15	74%
121% 96% Each	12% 2015-17	110

<b>UNDATED</b>				
25%	20%	Console	2%	23%
61%	55%	Cow	3%	67%
41	33%	Console	4%	36%
25%	20%	Trees	2%	22%
32%	27%	Trees	3%	27%
38%	29%	War Ln	3%	32%

INDEX-LINKED			
117% 110	Treasury	IL 2% 1992	117%
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106% 150%	Treasury	IL 2% 1995	150%
131% 123%	Treasury	IL 2% 2001	126%
126% 119%	Treasury	IL 2% 2005	136%
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106% 97%	Treasury	IL 2% 2016	102%
115% 105%	Treasury	IL 2% 2018	104%
112% 102%	Treasury	IL 2% 2020	107%
95% 66	Treasury	IL 2% 2024	90%

**BANKS, DISCOUNT**

High	Low	Open	Close	Change
224	213	Abbey National (pi)	222	225
226	218	Alfred Horn (pi)	217	218
230	217	Aleco Group	217	215
260	248	Am. Acoustic (Hemy)	247	252
300	289	Am. New Z	296	304
196	184	Banqueparibas	185	191
218	208	Bank of Ireland	214	218
190	179	Bank Leuven (Lomb)	188	191
345	334	Bank Leuven Lux	338	342
125	120	Bank of Scotland	118	120
54	50	Bank of Spain	48	55
22	20	Bank of Paris (pi)	21	22
37	32	Benchmark	31	30
335	310	Bond Shipley	308	318
103	100	Cadogan	98	101
145	139	Carfax Allen	139	141
189	180	Chatter	180	181
177	171	Cities	170	177
214	211	Citic Manhattan	211	212
149	145	Citigroup	145	146
158	154	Citicus Bros	152	157
120	115	Commerzbank	115	117
273	261	Continental Bank	266	270

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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS							
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173	589	Ammonia	168	2	12.7	4.2	18.8
174	42	Anglo Ltd.	49	4	1.0	0.3	1.0
175	100	Asphalt	50	4	1.0	0.3	1.0
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305	31	City Centre West	48	+14	17	15	12.2
306	30	Friendly Heights	49	-	17	17	15
347	29	Lanham (old)	50	+6	13.1	17	19.1
348	28	North Chesham	51	+6	12.7	17	11
350	27	31 Principal Place	53	-	17	17	16.8
720	26	65 Queens Hall	54	+2	16.8	17	11.1
721	25	100 Queens Hall	55	-	16.8	17	11.1
722	24	875 Queens Hall 'A'	56	-	16.8	17	11.1
307	23	100 Queens Hall 'B'	57	-	16.8	17	11.1
317	22	226 Truesdale Pl (new)	60	-	16.3	14	12.7

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43	17	Warner	30	30	-	102	33	113
44	18	Reese (G)	30	30	-	102	33	113
45	19	Richard (Lucy)	30	30	-	102	33	113
46	20	Richard (Lucy)	30	30	-	102	33	113
47	21	Schubert (Thos)	49	49	-	136	49	145
48	22	Schubert (Thos)	49	49	-	136	49	145
49	23	Schubert (Thos)	49	49	-	136	49	145
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WATER									
189	40	Angus Ridge	152	30					
190	14	Ac-Pinebluffs	153	30					
172	147	Worm Gap	152	5					
191	20	Sevier	153	30					
207	141	Spinn. vlgos	152	30					
171	20	2nd	153	35					
192	141	2nd	153	35					
173	27	Thorne, vlgos	154	150					
193	142	Wash. Water	188	172					
190	137	Woods Water	153	155					
191	142	Yonkers Water	188	165					
175/150	140	Package Use	151/5						



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## UNLISTED SECURITIES

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## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol		Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100											
Dec 90	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Three month ECU					
Dec 91	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 90	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 92	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 91	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 93	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 92	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 94	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 93	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 95	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 94	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 96	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 95	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 97	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 96	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 98	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 97	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 99	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 98	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 00	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 99	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 01	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 00	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 02	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 01	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 03	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 02	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 04	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 03	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 05	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 04	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 06	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 05	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 07	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 06	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 08	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 07	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 09	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 08	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 10	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 09	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 11	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 10	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 12	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 11	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 13	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 12	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 14	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 13	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 15	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 14	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 16	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 15	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 17	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 16	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 18	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 17	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 19	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 18	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574
Dec 20	2488.0	2489.0	2470.0	2470.0	2222	Dec 19	85.54	85.54	85.54	85.54	1574

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE											
Official prices/volumes previous day											
	Cash	3 months	1 year	Rudolf Wolff							
Copper Grade A	1534.0/1536.0	1498.0/1501.0	1984.0								
Lead	445.0/448.0	433.5/440.0	1157.0								
Zinc Spec Hk	1350.0/1356.0	1488.0/1490.0	3167.0								
Aluminum Hk	1542.0/1543.0	1574.0/1575.0	4975.0								
Nickel*	9425.0/9430.0	9475.0/9500.0	2272.0								
(* Cents per Troy oz. (\$ per ton))											
LONDON MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION											
Ayr'se butchery prices in representative markets on July 17											
Meat Pig Contract	11th	Open	Close	(g/lb)	10th	Open	Close	(g/lb)	9th	Open	Close

## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES				OTHER STERLING RATES	
Market rates for July 17		Close	1 month	3 month	
Yrk	1.5000-1.5115	1.5105-1.5115	1.05-1.0404	2.892-2.9104	Argentina austral*
Yrk	2.0895-2.1020	2.0905-2.1020	1.05-1.0404	2.892-2.9104	Australia dollar
Yrk	3.3003-3.3072	3.3003-3.3040	2.11-106	51-536	Bahrain riyal
Yrk	31.65-31.76	31.65-31.76	31-286	86-876	Brazil cruzeiro
Yrk	11.3323-11.3371	11.3323-11.3371	47-492	133-1246	Canada dollar
Yrk	1.1125-1.1155	1.1135-1.1145	40-444	133-1246	Denmark kroner
Yrk	2.9798-2.9898	2.9798-2.9898	17-116	41-476	Greece drachma
Yrk	26.827-26.836	26.827-26.836	4-106	12-116	India rupee
Yrk	1.1125-1.1155	1.1135-1.1145	40-444	133-1246	Indonesia rupiah
Yrk	2.9798-2.9898	2.9798-2.9898	17-116	41-476	Israel sheqel
Yrk	26.827-26.836	26.827-26.836	4-106	12-116	Japan yen
Yrk	1.1125-1.1155	1.1135-1.1145	40-444	133-1246	Malaysia dollar
Yrk	2.9798-2.9898	2.9798-2.9898	17-116	41-476	Mexico peso
Yrk	26.827-26.836	26.827-26.836	4-106	12-116	New Zealand dollar
Yrk	1.1125-1.1155	1.1135-1.1145	40-444	133-1246	Philippines peso
Yrk	2.9798-2.9898	2.9798-2.9898	17-116	41-476	Singapore dollar
Yrk	26.827-26.836	26.827-26.836	4-106	12-116	South Africa rand (R)
Yrk	1.1125-1.1155	1.1135-1.1145	40-444	133-1246	Switzerland franc
Yrk	2.9798-2.9898	2.9798-2.9898	17-116	41-476	Taiwan dollar
Yrk	26.827-26.836	26.827-26.836	4-106	12-116	U.A.E. dirham
Yrk	1.1125-1.1155	1.1135-1.1145	40-444	133-1246	
Yrk	2.9798-2.9898	2.9798-2.9898	17-116	41-476	
Yrk	26.827-26.836	26.827-26.836	4-106	12-116	

## DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Japan	1,618.61-1,618.70	W Germany	1,655.15-1,657.00	Hong Kong	7,120.5-12,10.8
U.S.	2,704.0-2,705.0	Switzerland	1,483.0-1,483.5	Bangkok	54.00-54.05
France	1,562.5-1,563.5	Netherlands	1,560.7-1,561.7	London (Com)	1,700.5-1,701.0
Italy	1,562.5-1,563.5	France	1,551.5-1,552.5	Manila	144.75-144.85
Spain	5,970.0-5,970.0	Japan	148.18-148.28	Osaka	101.15-101.25
U.S.	5,922.5-5,927.5			Australia	11.91-11.92

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Ecolit

## MONEY MARKETS

Rates for Clearing  
 Overnight High 15 Low 14 1/2 Week Rate: 14%  
 2 m: 14 1/2 - 14 3/4 3 m: 14 1/2 - 14 3/4  
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**GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex. VAT)**

n. 8.10-8.05 6 mth: 8.15-8.10 12 mth: 8.25-8.20  
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**ECGD**  
 Rate Starting Export Finance, Make-up date: May  
 1980 / Aorist Dates June 26, 1980 to July 24, 1980,  
 Britain: \$371.00-378.00 (\$205.00-208.00)  
 Kugruant: \$361.00-364.00 (\$198.00-201.00)  
 Maplesat (Pia): \$371.00-376.00 (\$205.00-208.00)  
 American Eagles: \$371.00-376.00 (\$205.00-208.00)  
 New Sovereigns: \$85.00-86.00 (\$47.00-47.75)  
 Old Sovereigns: \$85.00-86.00 (\$47.00-47.75)  
**PRECIOUS METALS**

1, 1990 to May 31, 1990 .  
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## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
<b>£ 100</b>					
2485.0	2485.0	Previous open interest 25262			
NT		2470.0	2527.5	0	
<b>Month Sterling</b>	85.80	85.80	85.80	85.80	17085.1
85.80	85.80	85.81	85.82	10202	
<b>Month Eurodollar</b>	91.53	91.53	91.53	91.53	13464.4
91.56	91.57	91.55	91.56	777	
<b>Month Euro Dm</b>	91.59	91.59	91.59	91.59	12882.0
91.59	91.57	91.62	91.63	2253	
<b>COMMODITIES</b>					
	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
<b>Three month ECU</b>					
Dm 90	89.75	89.84	89.60	89.63	60
Dm 90	92.73	92.75			60
<b>US Treasury Bond</b>	93-31		93-27	93-27	13464.4
<b>Long GR</b>			93-27	93-27	13464.4
Sep 90	95-03	95-03	94-27	94-27	7298
<b>Japanese Govt Bond</b>			94-00	94-00	13464.4
Sep 90	94-00	94-00	93-52	93-57	6750
<b>German Govt Bond</b>			94-00	94-00	13464.4
Sep 90	94-00	94-00	93-52	93-57	6750
Sep 90	94-00	94-00	93-52	93-57	6750

1. The first step in the process is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

LONDON RICE		LONDON METAL EXCHANGE			
		Official prices previous day. (Rudolf Wolff)			
da	COCOA	AMT Futures			
da	July 730-740	May 830-828			
Sep	751-748	July 850-848			
Dec	765-762	May 870-868			
May	810-806	Vol 30RS	Copper Gds A	1940-1938.0	1486.0-1501.0 880450
da	COFFEE	AMT Futures			
da	July 430-432	May 818-818	Zinc	1540-1440.0	433.5-454.0 316750
da	May 550-555	July 550-555	Lead Spec Ht	1530.0-1535.0	1488.0-1498.0 316750
Nov	580-577	July 557-555		1620.0-1630.0	1620.0-1630.0 316750
Jan	600-598	Vol 1861	Aluminum Ht	1542.0-1543.0	1574.0-1575.0 22775
da	BUGAR	May 654-653	Nickel	9425.0-9430.0	9475.0-9500.0 43718
da	RSB	Vol 654S	1 Cents per Troy oz. (\$ per ton)		
da	Aug 23.8-23.0	May 24.2-24.1	LONDON METAL & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION		
Oct	23.0-23.0	May 24.0-24.2	FUTURES (Pigs)		
da	23.0-23.0	Vol 24.0S	Avg's fatstock prices at representative		
da	LONDON GRAIN FUTURES		markets on July 17		
da	WHEAT Class (25)		Live Pig Contract		
da	Sep 111.20-110.40	Ja 119.15	Min	Open	Clos
da	Oct 112.50-111.50	Ja 118.15	Aug	110.5	110.5
da	Nov 112.50-111.50	Ja 118.15	Sep	116.5	116.0
da	Dec 112.50-111.50	Ja 117.25	Oct	118.5	118.0
da	BARLEY Class (25)		Nov	117.0	116.5
da	Sep 109.75-111.20	Ja 117.25	Live Cattle Contract		
da	Oct 110.0-111.0	Ja 117.25	Aug	117.0	117.0
da	Nov 110.0-111.0	Ja 117.25	Sept	117.0	117.0
da	Dec 110.0-111.0	Ja 117.25	Oct	117.0	117.0
da	Jan 110.0-111.0	Ja 117.25	Nov	117.0	117.0
da	Feb 110.0-111.0	Ja 117.25	Vol 1614 Cattle-0		
da	Dec 117.5-19.0	Vol 60			



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You must have the ability to work on your own initiative, and your articulate communication skills will empower you to liaise at all levels with tact and diplomacy.

Your salary will be supported by benefits including: concessionary mortgage after a qualifying period, profit share, contributory pension scheme and restaurant.

Please send your full C.V. to: Jessica Jeff, Personnel Officer, Abbey National Clearing House, 21 Prescott St., London E1 8AD.

The closing date for completed applications, which are invited from all sections of the community is 31st July 1990.



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Mark tomorrow in your diary if you're looking for an engaging temporary role in central London.

One of our most prestigious clients, conveniently based just off the Strand, is currently seeking an army of Angels for long and short term assignments.

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Please telephone Jacky Parcell on 071-434 4512.

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**VIDEO PRODUCTION RECEPTIONIST/SEC**  
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Fair, stable and a generous package are three of the key areas required for this role and recording job. Apart from normal receptionist responsibilities, you will be involved in the Company's many marketing activities for their clients, and there are good career prospects.

Reasonable typing ability required and a well-organised, flexible working attitude.

Age 20-25

Tel: 071 499 6566

**GROSVENOR**

**TV PRODUCTION COLLEGE LEADER**  
£10,000

Exciting opportunity for a bright college leaver keen to start in Production. We would like to meet you if you have good SHU typing skills, WP knowledge and have the interest, commitment and initiative to succeed. The company produce light entertainment programmes for the TV network and the role will involve secretarial support to a senior executive using good organisational/management skills. Chance to go on location from time to time.

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**GROSVENOR**

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Be a vital member of a lively and hardworking team as Secretary to two Directors of a well-established graphic design company. Good typing (no shorthand) and WP skills are needed and the ability to respond on own initiative in organising all aspects of administration in a busy design studio. This will suit someone with a calm, positive personality who understands the needs of creative, artistic people.

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**P.A. SEC**  
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In this instance you will be based in a team with one of our Partners and two Surveyors. Working closely with the Partner, you'll organise his schedule, meetings and correspondence, and provide secretarial support to your other two colleagues. You must enjoy the excitement of a dynamic and pressurised business environment.

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Your excellent skills should include typing speeds of around 70wpm, sound administrative ability and, ideally, shorthand.

We'll reward your professionalism and potential with an excellent salary and a generous range of large-company benefits including 23 days' annual holiday, a generous travel allowance and a discretionary bonus.

To apply send your CV with a covering letter to Victoria Masterman at Jones Lang Wootton, 22 Hanover Square, London W1A 2BN. Alternatively, telephone our 24-hour answering service on 071-629 6671 for an application form.

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The position is based at our Trading Division Headquarters in Camden Town but occasionally, also at our Head Office in High Holborn.

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If you can 'think on your feet' and would thrive in this busy demanding environment, please apply with full c.v., quoting ref: 3647, to Sue Adams, Recruitment Section, London Electricity plc, Templar House, 81/87 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NU. Closing date is Tuesday 24th July 1990.

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...and a lifestyle to match? If you're looking for a challenging secretarial role in a company that rewards your hard work with excellent benefits and superb social events, then why not join us on Thursday 26th July from 5-7.30pm for an informal chat at McKinsey; 74 St. James' Street, London SW1. (Bring along your CV.) McKinsey is one of the world's leading consultancy firms and because of continued growth we have a variety of vacancies that offer a £14,000 package.

Call Jan of Tate Appointments on 071-408 0424 for more information and an appointment.

### PERSONAL ASSISTANT REQUIRED

The Chairman and Managing Director of a rapidly growing International Medical Group based in Harley Street are seeking a mature, well presented PA to organise their day to day business activities.

A high standard of secretarial skills with audio and shorthand are required. A knowledge and interest in computers would be a distinct advantage. The ideal applicant will be enthusiastic, reliable, numerate and enjoy taking on responsibilities.

Please send CV's only to:

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£18,000

Our client a firm of exclusive jewellers seeks a polished PA with excellent communication and co-ordination abilities. You'll assist their dynamic chief executive who will delegate various projects and schemes. This is an involving and high responsible role wide open for development. 100/60 skills.

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£11,000 + Bens

Be a part of a lively busy, personnel team working at a famous Investment Bank near Oxford Circus. You will get fully involved helping to fit up interview news etc and learn all about personnel. Age: 18-21. Skills: SH pref/50 wpm. Please call Louise Hargrave on 071-437 6032.

**HOBSTONES**

### Int'l Management Training Co. W1 Requires Administration Assistant

We are a small, friendly, international office and this is a great opportunity for self-starter to get involved in organising international business seminars. You will liaise with clients, & our head office in the States, and help keep the office running smoothly.

You must have a good education, be well organised, numerate, have excellent telephone manner & WP skills. You will be trained in all aspects of the job & learn both PC & Apple Mac systems. Salary circa £10,000 + review & bonus. Please call: Ms. Tilley on 071 224 6512 or send your cv to SMG (UK) Inc. 74 Gloucester Place, London W1H 3HN. STRICTLY NO AGENCIES PLEASE

### Senior Secretary c£16,000 + benefits

A high-profile position exists within this well-known investment management consultancy, reporting to the Senior Manager. You'll need skills of 90/55 and a financial background would be useful. The opportunity for total involvement in the company's operations is considerable.

### Creative Secretaries c£12,000 + benefits

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**SECRETARIAL APPOINTMENTS**  
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To work for a Mayfair based International Financial Services Group in a lively and challenging environment. You will have a mature, flexible outlook and an understanding of commercial and office procedures. Secretarial skills and a knowledge of a European language would be an asset.

Responsibilities include management and motivation of office staff and high level liaison with Chairman's PA. Immediate start required. Excellent package for suitable candidate.

Please Reply to BOX K54

### YOUNG SECRETARY TEAM MEMBER £17,000 neg.

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### CROSS SELECTION

### FLUENT FRENCH SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST HIGH SALARY

Paris Law Firm (Ave George V), Excellent WP, Shorthand and Admin Skills. Write with CV to: A Van Hagen, 4 rue Desaix, Paris 75015. Interviews London August 3 & 6. NO AGENCIES.

### SUPER SECRETARY ST JOHN'S WOOD

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### NIGHT OWL c£15,000 + O/T

A highly successful city based American Company is looking for an Evening Secretary to complete their busy evening team. They offer excellent working conditions and an above average salary package plus paid overtime. Hours: 4pm - 10pm. Skills: shorthand/W.P. 100/60.

Call 071 823 2552 or fax cv to 071 259 6837

**NORTON ASSOCIATES**

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Some experience of the Pharmaceutical industry would be an advantage although a positive attitude, exceptional organisational skills and versatility are of greater importance. We need an exceptional person and will negotiate a salary and benefit package to match such a person's expectations.

Please write to Paul Martin (General Manager), Fidia S.p.A., Hinchley House, 14 Harley Street, W1N 2AH giving details of your work experience to date and explaining why you are interested in us and why we should be interested in you.

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Concentrating on their developments in Central Europe, you will be using your Mac Draw on Apple Mac skills to become involved in design and layout presentations.

Ideally, you will have some knowledge of Cricket Graph and Pagemaker, and European languages (especially French/German) are useful but not essential. Salary £14,000.

### International Secretaries

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071-491 7100

(Fax: 071-491 2875)

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### MEDICAL SECRETARY £18,000 - £20,000

DO YOU HAVE:  
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- WORKSHEET &  
- 70 WPM AUDIO TYPING  
- SECRETARIAL & ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE  
- ABILITY TO WORK IN A DEMANDING POSITION

If the answer is YES to most questions, then you are ideal for this exciting role. The role involves a variety of tasks including: typing, editing, proofreading, dealing with patients and enquiries. Call Caroline Rogers NOW for further information on 071-408-1177 Ref: S1178

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### LEGAL SEC. OIL COMPANY

The General Counsel of the prestigious W1 Oil Company provide legal services and advice to the London Head Office Management Group. Using your excellent SHU and typing skills (2 yrs legal exp) you will be an integral part of the legal team, dealing with legal and financial matters, as well as being party to all confidential matters. Sal: £14,000 + huge bonus allowance. Private Health Care and interest free loan facility. Call Caroline NOW on 071-408-1177 Ref: S1178

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Visiting sites, problem solving, helping to manage the properties leased by this elite development company - these are just some of the varied responsibilities which will require every ounce of your organisational ability and diplomacy. The buck stops with you as your successful, 28 year old boss relies completely on you. To keep up with him you will need some shorthand and typing skills - but the emphasis is definitely on co-ordination rather than secretarial. Age: 23-30. If you are looking for a true assistant role then look no further and call Samantha Brander on 071-437 6032.

### HOBSTONES RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS

### KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

University of London

Department of Electronic & Electrical Engineering

SECRETARY CMA REF NO. EESP64

You will be dealing primarily with postgraduate students processing applications, answering queries and maintaining records. You will need good secretarial and interpersonal skills for the role which will involve both administrative and secretarial duties. If you would like the opportunity to work in a busy and friendly team then we would like to hear from you.

The salary is on the scale: £11,560 to £13,011 per annum inclusive.

**PART-TIME SECRETARY CMA3 REF NO. EESP73**

We also have a vacancy for a part-time Secretary to work three days a week in our Departmental Office. You should have good secretarial skills and word processing is preferred.

The successful candidate will have a high degree of commitment which is essential for the smooth running of the Office.

The salary will be in the range of £6,157 to £6,936 per annum inclusive.

Applications with a full C.V. with names and addresses of two referees should be sent to: The Secretary, Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering, King's College London, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS. Closing date for receipt of applications is 1st August 1990.

### PA/SECRETARY Salary Neg

Excellent opportunity for experienced efficient secretary to provide full support to MD of a prestigious Business Centre in the West End.

A varied and interesting position, it offers great scope for the right candidate.

Typing (50+ wpm), S/H (80 wpm), WP skills good. Organisational ability, non-smoker. Age: 28+.

For more information Contact: Aileen Driscoll on 071-438 8288 (no agencies please)

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

To work for European law firm in the City. Power 20 An interview. Computers together with W.P. & good communication skills. Age 28+ £13,500. Please ring 081 788 5361

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**£14,500 + superb package**

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**MERRYWEATHER**

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Train to be an Account Handler with this high-profile, progressive PR consultancy. Initially the role entails combining secretarial support with your Account Exec training - but you'll be working on a wide range of major and very interesting accounts. Essential typist role - liaising with clients, photographers and printers, attending events etc. Ideally you are Graduate calibre, have already worked yourself as an efficient organiser and are now looking to scale greater heights. Media related background advantageous. Age 22+. Good typing essential. Salary £11,500 + perks. Rare opportunity! Call 071-409 1232.

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Recruitment Consultants to the Communications Industry

**COMPUTER LITERATE**  
**£20,000 + BENEFITS**

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**Susan Beck**  
 RECRUITMENT 071 584 6242

**FINE ARTS AND ANTIQUES**  
**£12,000 + BONUS**

If you have had enough of a lot of stress and feel you would work better in a more relaxed and less pressured environment, then Fine Arts and Antiques could be just what you are looking for. You will be the core of the office, organising systems and making routine and dealing a lot with clients. If you possess lots of initiative, good organisational skills and some typing is well, please call me now. Call Julia...

**Susan Beck**  
 RECRUITMENT 071 584 6242

**WP WP WP**  
**£13,000**

This small West End based advertising agency requires someone who enjoys typing to look after 4 Directors. The office is always busy, so your role will be a varied one - including office administration, reception work and lots of typing. If you are enthusiastic, lively and possess good WP skills, please call Sara...

**Susan Beck**  
 RECRUITMENT 071 584 6242

## PERSONAL ASSISTANTS TO OUR DIRECTORS

We have excellent opportunities for secretaries interested in developing a career in local government.

### PA to Executive Director, Environmental Services

**c.£16,000**

This is a new and challenging role providing secretarial and administrative support to the Executive Director of Environmental Services. In addition to first class secretarial skills, including audio and shorthand, you should have the confidence and flair to liaise with senior people both within the council and externally. Previous knowledge of setting up new systems would be an advantage.

You also need to have a flexible and committed approach and be willing to work on your own initiative. Ref: AP20.

### PA to Director's Office, Environmental Health

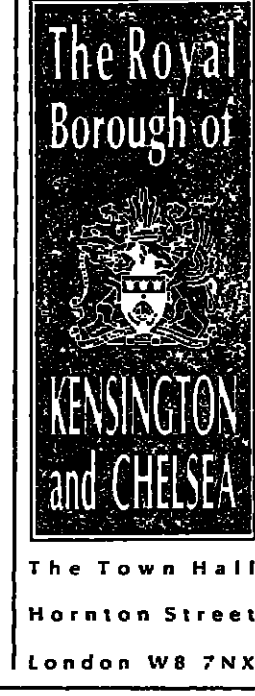
**c.£14,500**

Working for two senior managers, you will provide a full secretarial role. You should have good typing skills, audio experience and an organised approach, together with a polished telephone manner and the ability to use your own initiative. Shorthand would be useful. Ref: AP21.

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To apply call Karen Allman on 071-937 9036 (fax 071-937 8612) today up to 7.00 pm, to arrange an interview, quoting the appropriate reference. Interviews will be held 23-25 July 1990 at Kensington Town Hall.

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**OFFICE MANAGER**  
**KNIGHTSBRIDGE**  
**£15,000++**

An international Management Consultants are looking for someone with your experience and confidence to manage their office. Your duties will include all aspects of personnel, maintenance of the office and the organisation of client functions. Interested to be heard immediately! Ref: 48/G6.

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Now there's an opportunity to join this unique organisation at an exciting stage of its development.

As PA to the Chief Executive and the Chairman, you will handle a variety of secretarial duties; including the organisation and minuting of Board meetings, administration of the office and personnel with direct supervision of 3 secretarial staff. You will also assist in establishing new office facilities.

Aged 35-45, your sound relevant experience will be enhanced with meticulous organisational skills, and the ability to keep a sense of humour under pressure! Shorthand is essential.

The post is based in modern new offices in Islington, next to the Business Design Centre. Candidates should be non-smokers.

In the first instance please send full career details, including current salary, to Mr J R Gunning, Associate Director, Austin Knight Selection, 20 Soho Square, London W1A 1DS. Or telephone 071-339 5745. Please quote Ref: 209/JRG/90.

**Executive Assistant Up to £20,000**

This new position offers a real opportunity for an experienced secretary to develop their responsibilities beyond the pure secretarial. As PA to this financial entrepreneur who believes in delegating, you will be actively involved in all aspects of running a small business such as general office administration, handling PR and marketing, administering investment funds and looking after company records. Liaising at all levels from banking institutions to country councils and school governors, this challenging role would suit a graduate level secretary with a sound knowledge of the City who recognises the opportunities afforded by a small company environment. Age 25-35. Skills 80/60.

**THE RECRUITMENT COMPANY**  
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**Senior Personal Secretary**  
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**The Role:** Provides secretarial service to senior government officers.

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Ideally, candidate should be single and between 30 and 45 years of age.

**Terms of Appointment & Salary:** The appointment will be for 2½ years. The salary scale is HK\$13,350 to HK\$16,785 per month (approx £11,609 to £14,596 p.a.).

For further information and application form write to the Hong Kong Government Office, 6 Grafton Street, London W1X 3LB. Closing date for acceptance of completed application is 10 August 1990.

\*Based on exchange rate HK\$13.80 = £1 as on 13 July 1990 (subject to fluctuation).

## Hong Kong Government

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**c.£19,000**

Media related international blue chip company seeks a polished professional with sound Director level experience. This is a truly exciting and demanding position which would suit a committed person with initiative, energy and dynamism. Age 30-40's. Skills: 100/60. Extensive range of benefits including free parking.

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**Elizabeth Hunt**  
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**£15,250**

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 ASSOCIATES  
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**PA/SECRETARY**

To assist the Managing Director of a dynamic Property & Investment firm in the City of London. Must be able to work on own initiative. Excellent references essential. Salary from £15,000 depending on experience.

Please write enclosing CV to:  
 Mr D P Woolf, Romulus Construction Ltd,  
 Bartington House, 184 New Kings Road  
 London SW6 4SW.

**SECRETARIAL APPOINTMENTS**  
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## LEGAL NOTICES

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

**NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF WOODHUNT PROPERTY INVESTMENT LIMITED**

Company number: 1041671

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of WOODHUNT PROPERTY INVESTMENT LIMITED will be held at 12.00 noon on 26 August 1990 at the premises of the Liquidator, 28 Drummond Street, Edinburgh EC2A 7BN, to consider the Liquidator's report on the assets and liabilities of the company and to receive the Liquidator's proposals for the distribution of the assets of the company.

The Liquidator's report on the assets and liabilities of the company will be made available to the creditors of the company at the above address from 26 August 1990 to 28 August 1990. The Liquidator's proposals for the distribution of the assets of the company will be made available to the creditors of the company at the above address from 26 August 1990 to 28 August 1990.

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## RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

House agent's warning on home improvements and resale prices

## Doing up a house does not always increase its value

The British are a nation not only of home owners but of home improvers. By the late 1980s we were spending an estimated £17-£20 billion on home repairs and improvements, 80 per cent of it on privately owned houses, and, despite the property market slump, that level has been maintained as frustrated vendors hold off selling until prices pick up.

Installing central heating is probably the most common improvement, followed by work on kitchens and bathrooms. Extensions and loft conversions, new windows and double-glazing have all become part of the industry, much of it tackled by the home owner, and intended not only to make the house more spacious or comfortable, but to add to its value.

However, there is no guarantee that this work will add to the value on resale, the agent Hamptons warns, although sensible improvements should recoup their costs and make the property easier to sell, compared to similar properties without such enhancements.

There are a few basic rules to remember when making improve-

● People on low incomes will qualify for grants for home repairs and improvements under a renovations grants scheme introduced by the government this month. Grants will be targeted on the most needy, through a test of resources. It is estimated that about one million home owners may be eligible for grants of up to 100 per cent for major improvements.

● Local authorities, who are responsible for administering the grants, will also be able to give discretionary grants for minor works, and landlords may be eligible for grants towards the cost of repair and improvements to the properties they own.

● House Renovation Grants, published by the Environment department and the Welsh Office, is available from local authorities, Citizens Advice Bureaux and social security offices.

ments to ensure that they give value for money. An important consideration is to keep all improvements in character: mock Tudor beams or stone cladding on a Victorian brick terrace house, for example, will look out of place and may well detract from the value. The magazine *Traditional Homes* runs a "mess of the month" feature which offers a salutary lesson on improvements and alterations, illustrating the horrors that some people perpetrate on their homes.

It is a costly mistake to over-improve. A lavish whirlpool bath and sauna installed in a suburban

semi may be just what the present owner wants, but is unlikely to show a return on the investment.

While the look and condition of a property can be upgraded, its location, the fundamental key to a house's value, cannot. It matters little, therefore, if your three-bedroom semi is improved to look like a palace, with an internal swimming pool and leisure complex, if it is in an area where the price for such houses is £130,000-£150,000. The best you can hope for is a price at the top of the range. Anyone considering paying more will probably be looking for a home in a more expensive area.

Hamptons suggests that regular maintenance and redecoration are often the best investment, for while money spent may not necessarily be recouped in the short term, it will certainly avoid the need for expensive repairs in the longer term. A well-kept, fresh-looking home is always an important selling point.

As a general rule, the modernisation of a house, or the addition of an extension, in areas of high-priced property such as the south-east can be well worth it because of the wide variation in property prices, but where price differentials are small, it may make more sense economically to move to a bigger house.

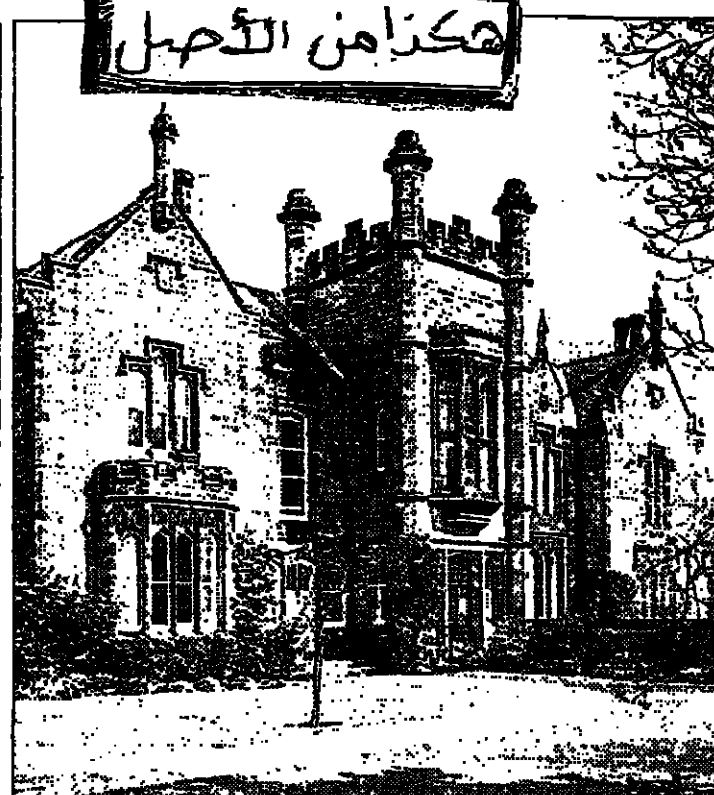
A simple way of assessing whether it is worth making improvements is to add the costs to the price paid for the house, and if the total is more than the price at which comparable houses are selling, the improvements will not be reflected in the value.

Looking to the 1990s, the favoured features of houses are set to change, according to a straw poll conducted by the house-builder Cala Homes, and the would-be home improver might bear them in mind.

Although double-glazing and a master bedroom with en suite bathroom will be taken for granted, the home of the future will have an office, will show better use of attic space and will have an energy-heating system.

The last feature fits well with last month's launch by the National Energy Foundation of a home-energy rating. Using the rating, home owners and prospective buyers will be able to gauge the energy costs of new and existing homes.

The computer programmes, which calculate the rating, also



Pierremont Hall, a fine early 19th century town house in Darlington, Co Durham, is one of the few domestic properties designed, in part, by Alfred Waterhouse, better known for such Gothic buildings as Strangeways Prison in Manchester and the Natural History Museum in London. He worked on alterations to the house around 1875 for the owner, Henry Pease, the first Mayor of Darlington. The principal part of the Grade II listed house has four reception rooms, including a dining room to seat 24 and five bedrooms, and grounds which include a rose garden and Japanese garden. Joint agents CA Town & Country's Harrogate and Northallerton offices and Tara Bainbridge of Darlington are asking £320,000.

indicate the most cost-effective ways to save energy. The rating indicates the standard fuel running cost of a property on a scale of 0-10, (10 being the most efficient). A home built to the 1990 Building Regulations would score around six, but some 16

million homes in the UK would score below four. To raise all homes by one point would save £1.8 billion a year, and reduce UK carbon dioxide emissions by 4 per cent a year. The foundation hopes the rating will be adopted nationally in the next few years.

## IN THE MARKET

■ Gwynn Lodge, Nell Gwynn's cottage in Suffolk, built for her by King Charles II in 1671 so that she could visit him in his nearby palace — by a underground passage. Legend has it — is for sale. The lodge survived intact when the palace was destroyed by fire in 1673, and now the royal stables, reputedly the oldest training stables in the world, which remained in use for 300 years, are to be restored.

The lodge has two reception rooms, four bedrooms and a courtyard garden. William H. Brown of an office at Milnerhall, Suffolk, is seeking £150,000.

■ There is a wonderful view of the Solent and the Isle of Wight from the 31ft lounge/dining-room of the top-of-the-range Corniche two-bedroom flat of Barratt's new development, Albany Park Court, at Southampton.

The company has converted a former hotel into 69 flats — 36 in the first phase — at prices from £24,000 for one bedroom, £140,000 for two bedrooms, and £175,000 for the Corniche with its columns and balconies. (Details, 0703 671996)

■ With the headline "Pharaohs at the bottom of the garden" on the details, the proposed sale of a house in Battersea, south London, cannot reasonably be ignored. Amid a terrace of Victorian cottages in Battersea Church Road, a black door, apparently leading nowhere, in fact leads through a passage to a four-bedroom house built three years ago by the architects and design consultants Powell-Tuck, Connor and Oulter.

Inspired by ancient Egypt, they designed this very modern house around an Egyptian tower, with a double-height drawing-room opening on to a walled courtyard. The agent Lane Fox is asking £595,000.

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# London's battle for big business

London's importance as a national and international centre will slump in the 1990s because of the shift eastwards of Europe's business centre of gravity and the greater relative attractions of provincial cities, the commercial forecaster the Henley Centre reported last week. In a damning verdict on the capital's quality of life and prospects, the report complained that London lacks the sense of community of Glasgow or the patriotic symbolism of Paris.

This week, however, Richard Ellis, the international firm of chartered surveyors, has published a report which totally contradicts the doom-laden forecast of the Henley Centre, and predicts that central London will continue as the financial centre of Europe and become the focus for overseas property investment.

The firm's "Central London Investment Market" report, which examines the capital's economy and property markets, anticipates consolidation of London's position as Europe's financial and services centre of Europe, despite competition from Frankfurt, Paris and, potentially, Berlin.

While the report does not address concerns such as the quality of life,

it says that the UK offers a sound economic environment for the 1990s, with the gross domestic product likely to average 2.8 per cent between 1992 and 1994.

Richard Ellis carried out a survey among leading central London office occupiers which showed that 87 per cent of businesses in the area expected to expand in the next five years.

Setting out its arguments in favour of London, the report says that London already has a global financial role which it can capitalise on: it is the third largest financial centre in the world, and is the world's largest centre for foreign exchange trading; it is positioned halfway between the international time zones of New York and Tokyo, and English is the principal international business language.

The capital also has highly developed legal and accountancy services, and around 500 banks and institutions in central London — compared with 370 in New York, 270 in Frankfurt and 250 in Paris. The London banks account for 20 per cent of international lending, it is estimated.

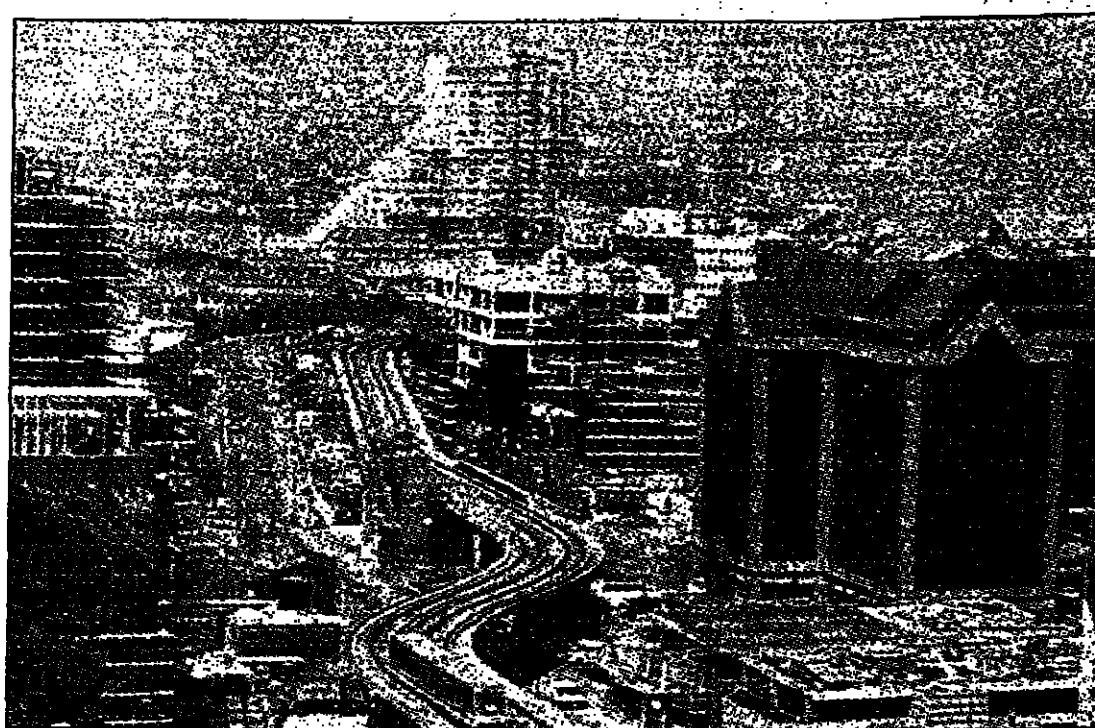
Richard Ellis suggests that London is best placed to offer the highly skilled labour and high

quality office space that expanding multinational businesses will require to service the European market. "Extremely low office vacancy rates in European centres such as Paris and Frankfurt (less than 2 per cent of total office stock) will restrict the ability of these cities to offer a viable business environment," it says.

Between 1979 and 1989, average real rental growth in London, adjusted for local inflation, was the highest in Europe at 7.1 per cent, and the firm believes that rental growth will accelerate from 1992 as demand from business expands in response to the economic benefits arising from the "harmonisation" of Europe.

Yields from central London office investment have remained stable and at a fairly constant annual average of 4.75 per cent.

London Docklands could not be described as central London, but Richard Ellis looks forward to improvements in communications and accessibility by road, and through extensions to the Docklands Light Railway and Jubilee Line, which should "encourage its integration within the wider central London market". The report adds: "As a new London office location for the



Long-term hope? London Docklands, the alternative location for core business activities

1990s, Docklands will offer an alternative location to core business activities wishing to relocate their support services out of central London but still within reasonable distance of the central London market."

Richard Ellis reports that market evidence already points to "strategic investment positioning" by the Japanese, American, Scandinavian and Dutch investors, and there is clear potential for further growth in investor demand in the period to 1992.

"The need for investors, in particular institutional investors, to diversify their portfolios and the need for borrowers to fund international operations will fuel increased internationalisation and harmonisation of property markets in general," the report concludes.

## In Paris, meanwhile...

PICCADILLY Securities Ltd is one of the few developers looking across the water to France to see how they can make the most of the opportunities offered by the single European market and the Channel tunnel. In anticipation, Richard Berry, managing director, took the firm into the Pas de Calais area two years ago and bought land suitable for the distribution industry, hotels and leisure.

He believes the next area of opportunity is around Charles de Gaulle airport, and thence to Paris. So the firm has acquired a hotel site at Roissy, on the perimeter road of the airport. Mr Berry says: "We can all name ten or 20 hotels around Heathrow, but

there are only a handful around Roissy." With the help of French associates, Piccadilly Securities has bought a 2.5-acre site with planning consent for a two/three-star hotel, and a two-acre site close to Euro Disneyland, east of Paris, for a similar hotel project.

Another British firm, Higgs and Hill, also has a happy tale to tell. It has pre-sold its 70,000sq ft Pole Nord office and high-tech development at Saint-Ouen, in north-east Paris, to the French legal consultancy SVP for about £8.5 million. The mixed development, under construction, will have three linked buildings facing a landscaped courtyard, and is due for completion this autumn.

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■ The Power House in Croydon, Surrey, with its famous 300ft chimneys, is to be transformed in a £380 million retail and leisure complex by the Carroll Group of Companies. The chimneys will be retained to keep the Power House as a landmark, and the original boiler house of what was Croydon B power station will become a 500ft-long shopping mall. The turbine hall and its single open curving roof will be developed to hold 200 specialty shops.

When complete, the scheme will have 573,000sq ft of floor space, a 200-bedroom hotel, and bus and coach station.

■ The Japanese Sanwa Bank, the sixth largest in the world, is to lend around £10 million to fund the development and construction of a further phase at the Newcastle Business Park. The bank is providing the funds to Dyson Developments (Tyne and Wear) Ltd, which says that this agreement is a vote of confidence in the soundness of investing in the park.

British Airways is among the firms which have taken space.

■ Thermadyne Industries Ltd, the UK trading company of Thermadyne Industries Inc of St Louis, Missouri, one of the world's largest manufacturers of welding and cutting equipment, is to locate its new European headquarters in north-west England.

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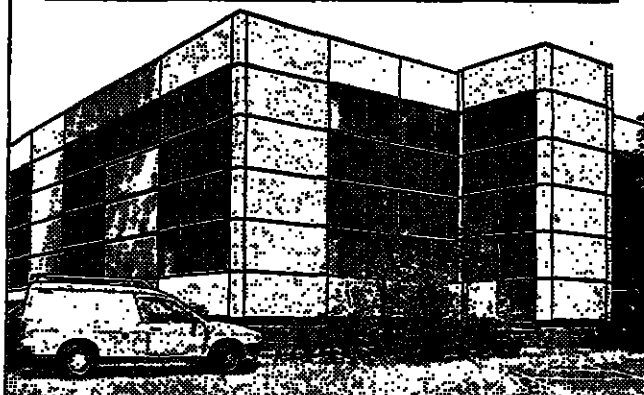
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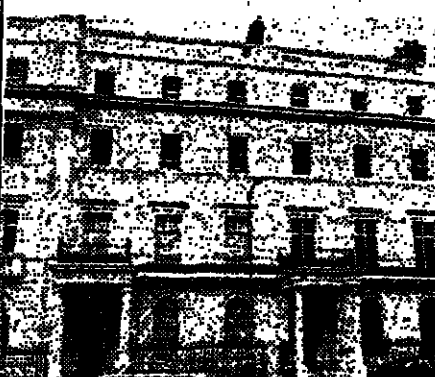
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ris, who will doubtless revel in a tight, physical contest, has a trio of Harlequins to serve in midfield. Pears, Carling and Thompson have appeared together for their club only a handful of times, but they have trained frequently to-

## Ondieki splits with Anderson

"I am not happy with the way I have been performing and I have told John that I should go back to basics," Ondieki said. Anderson coached David Moorcroft to his 5,000 metres world record in 1982 but

Ondicki hopes that, under his own guidance, he will recapture his form at Crystal Palace on Friday evening in the Parcel-force Games. He will run his chosen distance and will face a field which Andy Norman, the

1min 43.78sec in Barcelona on Monday, and two Britons in form. Tom McKean and David Sharpe, who is proving more consistent than ever with four successive runs in the region of one minute 45-46 seconds.

## Holding shatters record with emphatic return

time of 50:30, only narrowly ahead of Ivan Newman, from Saffron Walden, in 56:43. The fastest woman home was Rose Hill, in eighth place overall. Her time of 66:15 also broke the UK women's record of 74:00.

This year a full team of cyclists from the Les Autres association entered for the first time, having only fielded one rider last year. Richard Holkham, in his first international competition, took a silver, as did Hugh Culverhouse. Vaughan Thompson won bronze.

## Soviets make late bid for world titles

The Soviet Union contested the European junior championship just ended in Neumun-

ionship: 1, R Fleet, M Van Beeston, S Barnfield and J Dhondy (London); 2, D Burn, I Handley, B Rigal and Sue Tick (London); 3, Mr and Mrs G Bobby, J Conlon and C Riche (N Ire). Championship pairs: D Parry, Heather Dunstan (London). Subsidiary pairs: B Rigal, Sue Tick (London). Consolation pairs: D Cuthbertson, A McIntosh (Edinburgh).

# Degrees awarded by the University of Warwick

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As the Open Championship returns to the Old Course at St Andrews, Mitchell Platts explores the unique home of golf

# Where ghosts of past champions still tread

IT HAS not often been love at first sight, but she has eventually captured the hearts of those who have courted her.

Bobby Jones, who took six years before winning her over in 1927, said: "The more I studied it, the more I loved it, and the more I loved it, the more I studied it, so that it came to feel that it was, for me, the most favourable meeting ground possible for an important contest." Robert Trent Jones, one of golf's foremost architects, called her the "mother" of golf courses.

She is St Andrews, more specifically, the Old Course. Nick Faldo says playing there is like going to church, that it has an air and beauty about it that induces an atmosphere second to none. Bernard Darwin, the legendary golf correspondent of *The Times*, wrote: "It may be immoral, but it is delightful to see a whole town given up to golf."

Golf is the heart of the community. St Andrews bursts with hotels and boarding houses, shops and saloons, and bubbles with tales of triumph and failure on the links. It is also the home of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, which, with the United States Golf Association, has the responsibility for the administration, maintenance and review of the rules of golf throughout the world.

Jack Nicklaus, on being made an honorary Doctor of Law by St Andrews University in 1984, called the town "my favourite place in the world". He said: "It is unimaginable to me how any true golfer, anyone who really cares about the game, can fail to enjoy and appreciate St Andrews."

It is the shrine to which 75,000 travel each year with the one intention of playing golf; 29,000, some of whom have booked three years in advance, will play the Old Course. They will walk with the ghosts of past champions, because the Old Course, set on a savage and intimidating stretch of coastline, is the home of the origin of the species.

Many of the visitors take the opportunity first to visit the sculptured monument to Young Tom Morris in the graveyard at St Andrews Cathedral. There is a smaller memorial stone on the

grave of his father. Nearby, another obelisk marks the grave of Allan Robertson, acknowledged as the first to break 80 on the Old Course.

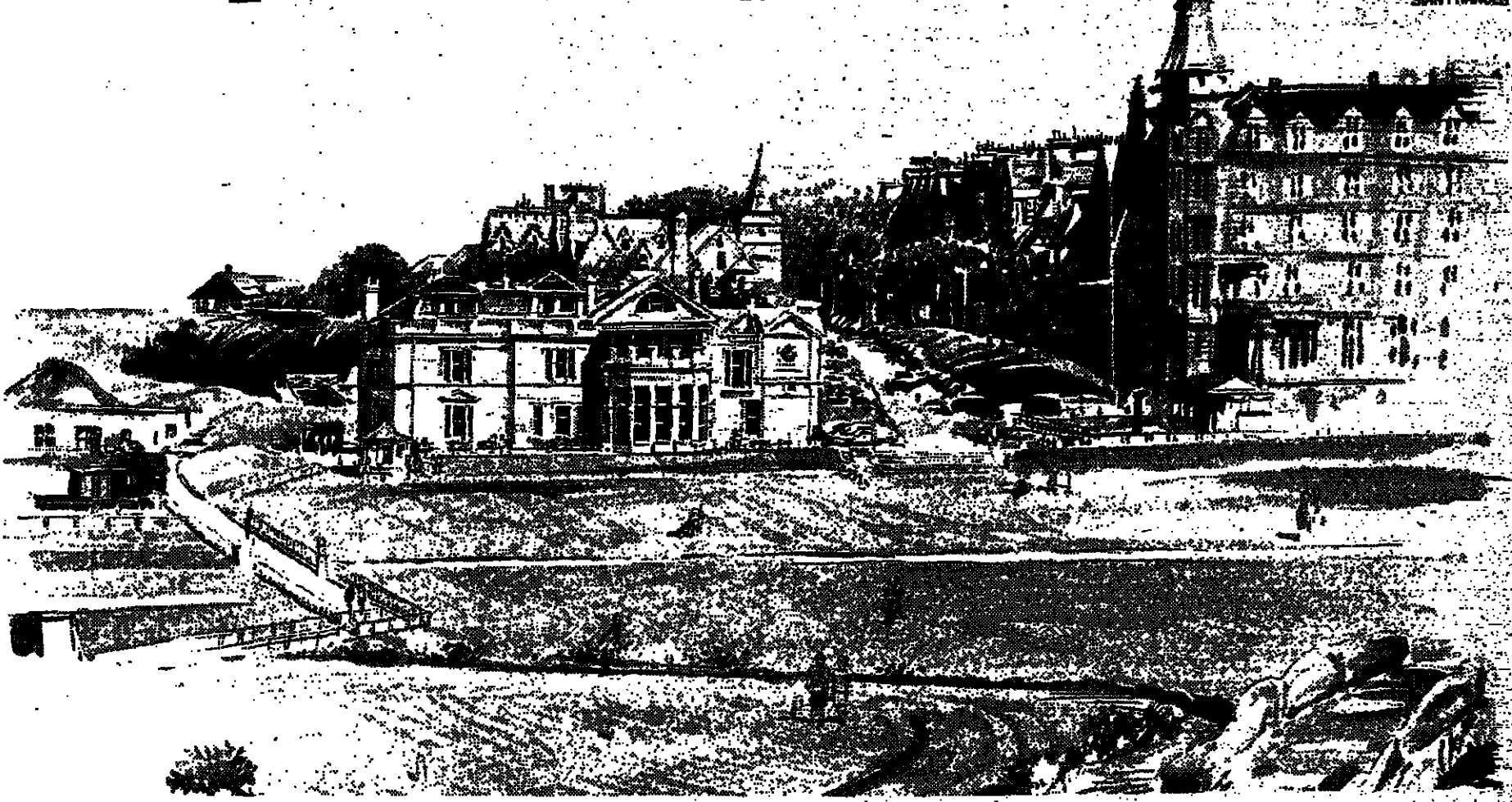
The Morris were legends of their time. Old Tom was Open champion four times. Young Tom was a flamboyant, natural player who became a professional at the age of 13 and was the undefeated Open champion from 1868 to 1872. Young Tom died in 1875, having never recovered following the death of his wife in childbirth.

St Andrews has not forgotten the Morris, or the part that golf has played in the history of the town. Wherever the game originated, there remains no more fascinating a place to play golf than St Andrews: it has been regarded as the "metropolis of golfing" from as far back as 1691.

The course, located in the Royal Burgh and City of St Andrews on the east coast of the Kingdom of Fife, is more of a tangible mecca than Wimbledon or Wembley; anyone can play on the Old Course, as they can on the Eden, Jubilee and New, the other three courses at St Andrews. You neither need an introduction nor need to be a member of a club. After the Open Championship, work will also start on a fifth course, plus a nine-hole course and the development of a comprehensive 25-acre driving range and practice ground.

To be off, watched by members of the R and A as they sit behind the long windows of the Big Room in the grey, four-square clubhouse, is as nerve-racking a prospect as there is in golf. And to walk on the greens, as did John H. Taylor, James Braid, Bobby Jones, Sam Snead, Peter Thomson, Jack Nicklaus, and Severiano Ballesteros, all winners of the Open at St Andrews, is to touch the past.

The last genuine alteration to the Old Course was in 1914, when the bunker between the first and eighteenth fairways was removed. Not that everybody has been immediately embraced by what once was described as "a beautiful stretch of green links, with a little burn which traps golf balls and



bunkers artfully placed to try the golfing soul."

Sam Snead, arriving by train, questioned on first sight whether it was a fairway he could see down there among the weeds, and Gary Player once said that the course should be bulldozed into the sea. Others became aware of why Bernard Darwin wrote of the bunkers being only large enough "for an angry man and his niblick". David Ferby, taken there as an aspiring amateur by his father, played three holes and questioned what all the fuss was about. "Then," he said, "I fell into a bunker!"

There is more to the "auld grey toon" than golf. The ruins of St Andrews cathedral are evidence of that. Many members of the international press are this week staying at Saint Salvador's College,

etched in the cobblestones outside are the initials of one Patrick Hamilton, a student who was converted by Lutheran doctrines and of whom it was claimed it took six hours to burn at the stake following his trial in the cathedral by the Church. Student myth decrees that any undergraduate who steps on Hamilton's initials will fail his finals.

Another Hamilton, John, Archbishop of St Andrews, drew up the covenant dated January 25, 1552, which gave the public the right to play on the linksland and the city the right to breed rabbits at the top end. It is the first written evidence of golf at St Andrews. St Andrews University, founded in 1410, can lay claim to having the oldest university golf club in the world. In collaboration with the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, the

university has awarded annual golf bursaries since 1988 to encourage students with ability to develop their sport.

Yet the paradox of the Old Course is that it is consistently a disappointment for those experiencing the historic turf for the first time. It might be held by the Scots as dear to their hearts as Robbie Burns and Robert the Bruce, but the land on which the first rudimentary club, then the creak and niblick, then the driver and putter, was born, has caused consternation as much as celebration.

No incident has been better documented than that of Bobby Jones on his first visit, in 1921. He took 46 shots for the first ten holes and, following a further contretemps with the short 11th, he threw his card into the Eden

estuary. Jones returned and, in 1927, won the championship on the Old Course with a record score of 285. The Old Course succumbed to Jones again three years later, when he won the Amateur Championship on the way to the grand slam.

The menu for winning, which even Jones was forced to read a second time, includes digesting the atmosphere, eating humble pie when swallowed by a hidden bunker, and devouring every chance on the huge, undulating greens. Peter Thomson, who gained the first of his five Open triumphs at St Andrews, said: "It finds you out. If one part of your game is not right, no matter how hard you try to protect it, the Old Course will find it. To win at St Andrews, you must be complete."

## HOW TO PLAY

THE courses are administered by the links management committee of the St Andrews Links Trust and enquiries for reserved times must be made to the secretary at St Andrews. Times, which should be booked not less than eight weeks in advance, can be applied for, although not for Saturdays or Thursday afternoons. The courses are closed on Sunday.

There is also a daily ballot for unreserved times. To enter the ballot, two names must be given to the starter by 14.15 on the day previous to that which it is intended to play.

Single players are not permitted to reserve a time or to enter the ballot, although if there is a gap in play the starter is permitted to allow a single player to tee-off.

## Calcavecchia is back ready to give it one more bash

By MEL WEBB

MARK Calcavecchia smiled his way to victory in the Open Championship at Royal Troon last year, and won millions over. As he starts his defence of the title tomorrow he is still smiling, still winning people over, and still refreshingly uncluttered in his approach to the game.

His is a compellingly simple philosophy. "Hit it hard, go chase it, and hit it again." He is no man for the nuances of the game, and if tradition gets in the way, that is just too bad.

He is the man, remember, who in Dunhill Cup last year committed a minor golfing sacrilege by chipping and taking a divot, on the hole, twin 12th green at St Andrews. He was not ashamed then, and says that if he is in the same position this year he will not hesitate to do so again.

As defending champion, he will have all eyes on him as he leaves the first tee at 8.40 this morning in the company of Fred Couples, his equally laid-back compatriot, and Christy O'Connor Jr. It is all a very far cry from

his youth in the country town of Laurel, Nebraska (population 900).

There was no golf course in Laurel, so Calcavecchia's father, who died a year before his son had his first tournament victory, in the Southern Open in 1986, put what could be the Calcavecchia family motto—"Keep it simple, and go for it"—into action. He bought a cornfield and built his own course.

It is a time, Calcavecchia remembers as though it were yesterday. "There was no water, no sand," he said. "Just nine holes in a field."

"That's what I learnt to play. I started off putting just for fun, then I tried hitting it harder and harder, and the next thing I knew I wanted to play with my dad and my brother."

Note, hitting it harder. Keep it simple, go for it. It was keeping it simple and going for it that brought him victory in that thrilling four-hole play-off against Greg Norman and Wayne Grady at sun-baked Troon last year.



Calcavecchia admiring his Open trophy last year

## Newcomer Woosnam and Norman meet among the better bets

By NICK STEWART

ROLF Muniz, the first player from The Netherlands to win the British Amateur championship, wrote his name next to that of Jack Nicklaus on the practice sheet at St Andrews. But the psychology student, aged 21, whose victory at Muirfield last month earned him invitations to both the Open and next April's Masters, had to find a new caddy just before he teed off with the "Golden Bear".

Andrew Whitelaw, from Longkirk, who carried his bag in the Amateur and was asked by Muniz to team up with him again, twisted his ankle jumping a fence and had to go for treatment.

"I've told him to take the day off so that he's all right for the first round on Thursday," said Muniz, who has also arranged a game with Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer in tomorrow's final practice round.

Then he lines up with the former Open champions, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player, in the first two rounds on Thursday and Friday.

Muniz is one of four amateurs in the field. Both he and Christy O'Connor, the 21-stone American champion, were exempt from qualifying.

CLASS will tell white outsiders report plenty of money for Ian Woosnam of Wales, after his back-to-back wins. His price has contracted from 16-1 to 10-1, but another leading firm, Victor Chandler, opposes him. It offered 12-1 before his Bell's Scottish Open victory and 12-1 was still available yesterday.

Lervyn Wilson, the chairman of Surrey Racing, is on the other hand, happy to lay generous odds on the Americans, Curtis Strange, at 18-1, and last year's

It is a victory that tasted sweet then, and the flavour has not diminished with the passing of time. But although the endorsements and the money flowed, the 12 months since have not been the days of wine and roses that an Open champion might reasonably expect.

He has not, for example, won a tournament this season, although he has finished second eight times and made a bundle of cash. That is not good enough for the sturdy Calcavecchia, aged 30. "I'd trade all eight top ten finishes for a couple of wins," he said. When you get to the top, nothing less than victory will do.

He has, however, exorcised one devil that has been sitting on his shoulder for far too long. The saga of the square-grooved Ping Eye 2 clubs that he used for several years has rankled with him more than he will admit. It was said that his conspicuous success was due more to the clubs than the man who was wielding them.

It bothered him during his time with Ping, and still does, and for that reason he has changed manufacturers this year. "You can hit a bad shot with square grooves as easily as you can with V grooves. If you put a good swing on it, I don't care what sort of grooves you've got, you're going to hit a good shot," he has said.

He is convinced that his time will come with his new clubs, and a good experience in the Dunhill Cup last year, when five rounds left him 15 under par and he closed with 65, 66 in the 36-hole final against Japan, have put him in confident mood this week.

"I love St Andrews," he said. "We've got a bash in the Dunhill, and we'll give it a bash this week." That is Mark Calcavecchia all over—keep it simple and go for it.

## The grass roots of Langer's problem

By JOHN HENNESSY

IT HAS only recently come to light that Bernhard Langer, whose distinguished professional career stretches back over a decade, has suffered a handicap not been noticed by his highly-publicised tendency to twitch over the putter.

He is allergic to grass and trees, which makes his success in his chosen calling all the more remarkable. Had he followed the bric-a-brac footsteps of his father back in Germany, his well-being may have been better.

But his bank balance would not have been, even in this era of German economic miracles. He has now amassed more than £2.5 million, which places him fifteenth in the world records. The magazine, *Golf Monthly*, records that the Munich specialist who diagnosed a mysterious illness told Langer that it was "unbelievable that you can go out to work on golf courses every day. To me, it is amazing you can live like that."

It takes a man of rare fortitude to fight his way through that, as well as conquer the dreaded "yips" not once but three times, and for that reason he has put up with a reverse grip, the shaft of the club clamped against his left forearm by the right hand.

This has been a season of mixed fortunes for Langer. Success in Europe, but a failure, comparatively speaking, in the United States. He missed three putts out of four "over there", including the Masters, whereas in Europe, after a twelfth place at Las Brisas, he has been the victor of the top ten on the European tour.

He won the Madrid Open, was runner-up in the following week in the Spanish Open and, more recently, was second in the French Open after a play-off against Philip Walton.

Last week, however, he missed the cut in the Scottish Open.

So far at least, Langer has declined to use an antidote for his allergies because he is not willing to undergo the prescribed three-year course of injections.

Instead, he takes magnesium tablets every day. "That is because stress and tension deplete magnesium in the body," he told *Golf Monthly*. "I am also trying different kinds of diets as I try to find out more about myself. I'll just carry on as normal as long as it does not get to the stage where I feel really awful. Right now, I don't feel a wreck."

He has a certain confidence now about the "yips", believing that having overcome them three times already, he would find ways of doing so again if the need should arise. When an attack does come, he says: "The putter does not feel normal, not even like a golf club, just a wooden stick in my hand. I have no feel, no trust, no confidence. Nothing."

He rightly claims that, on his day, he can be one of the best golfers in the world and knows that on an off-day, he can find inner strength from those around him—his wife and his parents—together with his deep religious conviction.

"I know there are many more things in life more important than playing golf," he says. "It's no longer the No. 1 priority in my life." All the same, it would be foolish not to see him as a worthy challenger this week. He has noted, with some satisfaction, that while he has put up with the inevitable expense of grass at St Andrews, there are not many trees on the horizon.

Lee Trevino, twice the winner of the Open Championship, confirmed yesterday on his arrival at St Andrews that he will not be staying on for next week's Volvo British Seniors Open at Turnberry.

## Gamez joins soul brother in a Mexican double act

By JOHN HENNESSY

THE comparison with Lee Trevino is hackneyed but unavoidable. Robert Gamez, who burst spectacularly on the American scene in January, is of Mexican descent and has much the same physical characteristics as the former Open champion—dark, on the short side (5ft 8in) and solid enough to weigh 12st 8lb. His profile is almost pure Aztec.

If he did not suffer quite the same privations as Trevino as a child there was no question of a silver spoon in the mouth. One of his ambitions indeed, is to repay the debt he owes his parents, who had to borrow money to further his education and golfing career.

Gamez, 22 on Saturday, lost no time at all in making his mark as a professional. His signature was hardly dry on his United States PGA membership form when he went out and won his first tournament, the Tucson Open, worth \$162,000 (about £95,000). He has won again since and so far, in his first year as a professional, he has totted up nearly \$400,000 (£235,000).

He had rounded off his amateur career in 1989 with a place in the American Walker Cup team in Atlanta and was declared "college golfer of the year" a distinction of high prestige over there.

During the Walker Cup match he ruffled a few British feathers by what some regarded as his over-exuberant behaviour. Yet television has revealed to a wide audience over here that there was little reticence on the British Isles'

part when Jim Milligan boled that telling chip shot against Jay Sigel. In the United States he is regarded as having handled their early success well for one so young.

"I like to have fun," Gamez says. "I love the excitement, which again prompts a parallel with Trevino, but he shows no resentment. 'I see it as an honour,' he declares. 'He's a really nice guy and we're almost soul brothers. If I can do half the things he's done I'll have a wonderful career.'"

All the same, he wants to be his own person. Abbreviate his first name to Bob and you will get no response. Then, he pronounces his surname, unexpectedly, with a soft "a", though he had to suffer "Go-mez" not once but twice over the public address beside the first tee yesterday.

Gamez could hardly have chosen a more illustrious set-

ting for his first trip not only to Britain but Europe. He does not, on the one hand, stand in awe of St Andrews, as most newcomers do, nor yet resent its eccentricities, as some do. "I think it's a great golf course," he says. "Yet it's kind of weird seeing the place where it all started."

He does not think it will present special problems. He was used to hard courses in Las Vegas, his home town. "There is no lack of self confidence and he feels, surely with some reason, that he can win any tournament he enters. Unfortunately, he has recently fallen out with his putter and is 'only now recovering his stroke'."

Today he goes out for his final practice round with his soul brother as part of his St Andrews education. They ought to provide a superb double act.



Making his mark: Gamez, exciting young prospect

## Draw has a look of mischief

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

GREG Norman and Scott Hoch will be reminded of moments when they would prefer to forget when they tee up in the first round of the 119th Open Championship on the Old Course at St Andrews tomorrow.

Norman has been paired with Bob Tway, his nemesis at the eighteenth hole in the 1986 U.S. PGA Championship, and Hoch will have Nick Faldo, to whom he lost in a play-off for the 1989 Masters, as one of his partners.

There is certainly a mischievous look about the draw since Severiano Ballesteros will play alongside Tom Watson and Nick Price. Ballesteros, of course, edged out Watson at St Andrews in 1984. Watson moved past Price at Royal Troon in 1982 and Ballesteros overhauled Price at Royal Lytham and St Annies in 1988.

DRAW (first two rounds: GB and Ireland unless stated):

0715 and 1145: J Woodland (Aus), M Poxon, D A Russell, 0725 and 1155: D Hay, D Cooper, P Harrison, 0735 and 1205: P Lyons, D Jones, A Oldcorn, 0745 and 1215: S Pate (US), L Wadkins (US), A Sorenson (US), 0755 and 1225: H Irwin (US), M Cantizares (Sp), N Ozaki (Jap), 0805 and 1240: D Pooley (US), M Roe, B Jones (Aus), 0820 and 1250: M Hulbert (US), S Jones (US), E Romero (Arg), 0830 and 1300: S Ballesteros (Sp),

0840 and 1310: M Calcavecchia (US), F Couples (US), C O'Connor (US), 0850 and 1320: B Charles (NZ), C Patton (US), T Westcott (US), 0900 and 1330: M O'Meara (US), G Clark, J Baker-Finch (Aus), 0910 and 1345: S Lyle, T Kila (US), V Singh (Fiji), 0925 and 1355: B McAllister (US), P Walton, G Turner (NZ), 0935 and 1405: M Field (US), S Ginn (Aus), G Brand Jr (US), 0945 and 1415: C Montgomerie, L Grady (Aus), M McLeod, 1015 and 1430: R Gamez (US), B Tway (US), G Norman (Aus), 1030 and 1500: A Murray, T Armour (Sp), Moki (Japan), 1040 and 1510: C Strange (US), C Parry (Aus), J Woosnam, 1050 and 1520: N Faldo, S Hoch (US), J Bland (US), 1100 and 1530: P Mitchell, J Davila (US), 1110 and 1540: J Quiros (Sp), P Curry, R Archibald (Aus), 1120 and 1550: P Baker, Y Hagawa (Japan), B Barnes, 1135 and 1600: J Berendt (Arg), B Norton (US), R Weir, 1145 and 1610: A Hara, K Knox (US), M Allen (US), 1155 and 1620: M Hickey (Swe), J Higgins, D Williams, 1205 and 1715: J Sorense, J Gervais (Sp), C Moody, 1215 and 1725: R Rutledge (Can), G Farr, K Waters, 1225 and 1735: P Hedblom (Swe), R Gonzalez (Arg), D Mijovic (Can), 1240 and 1745: J Nicklaus (US), D

Frost (SA), J-M Olazabal (Sp), 1250 and 1755: J Muir (US), W Westner (SA), J Rocco (Sp), 1300 and 1800: P Casanova (US), M Clayton (Aus), B Langer (WGer), 1310 and 1810: R Boxill, L Mize (US), S Elkington (Aus), 1320 and 1820: P Jacobsen (US), C Beck (US), M Martin (Sp), 1330 and 1830: C Pavin (US), M Harwood (Aus), R Rafferty, 1345 and 1845: A Palmer (US), G Player (SA), R Muniz (Ned), 1355 and 1850: R Floy (US), F Nobilo (NZ), D Smyth, 1405 and 1915: B Crenshaw (US), B 1415 and 1925: J Skuman (US), S Torrance, J Hawkings (SA), 1425 and 1935: J Huston (US), R Chapman, P Senior (Aus), 1435 and 1945: P Weir, D Hammond (US), M Ozaki (Japan), 1450 and 1955: K Green (US), D Powers (US), P Hoad (Aus), 1500 and 2000: S Stabler (US), D Love (US), R Davis (Aus), 1510 and 2015: M McCumber (US), M James, D Graham (Aus), 1520 and 2030: V Fernandez (Arg), B Glasgow (US), P Azinger (US), 1530 and 2040: D Moran (Aus), Y Kuranoto (Japan), S Bennett, 1540 and 2050: W Player (SA), P Broadhurst, P Hall, 1550 and 2100: J Morgan, G Powers (US), P Hoad (Aus), 1600 and 2110: K Trimble (Aus), G Levenson (SA), D Durheim, 1610 and 2120: P Mayo, R Drummond, A Nash, 1620 and 2130: D Canipe (US), B Estes (US), A Salvendy (Arg), • denotes amateur

## Palmer to bow out 30 years after near-miss

By MARDIAN

ARNOLD Palmer, who is preparing to bid a sentimental farewell to the Open Championship after 30 years, arrived at St Andrews for the final time as a competitor today—accompanied by a trusty wedge he used on his first visit to the Old Course in 1960.

The former champion, aged 60, clearly enjoying his last pilgrimage to the home of golf, will use the club this week before presenting it to the recently opened British Golf Museum.

Palmer, who has decided to call it a day at the place where he first made his name in the Open, said: "I thought it would be appropriate to bring along the wedge I used here in 1960. Even though I finished second then, it remains one of the highlights of my career."

Palmer, who will also donate a putter—one of thousands he has accumulated over the years—to the museum at St Andrews, hopes to bow out of the Championship with a typical flourish over the Old Course.

As he gazed down the vast fairway which encompasses the 1st and 18th holes, Palmer admitted that the thrill of playing in the Open is as great as ever, but he added: "There comes a time to stop, and this is

an appropriate place to do it. I don't think I could play here when the Open returns in six years."

"I don't think I have been playing well enough to warrant my continuation in the tournament. I was disappointed with my two rounds at Troon last year and that was part of the reason for my decision. Still, it has been fun."

"Of course, this is a sentimental time for me. Things have certainly changed since my wife, Winnie, and I first came here 30 years ago. However, we are doing things the same way as we did then by booking into the same hotel and the same room—the Royal Suite—overlooking the 18th green that we occupied in 1960."

Palmer, who won the title in 1961 and 62 after missing out so narrowly at St Andrews on his debut visit, is not bitter about failing to win over the Old Course, where he finished one stroke behind K.J. Nisbet after taking three putts on the notorious 17th three times.

"Every Open I've played here has been a highlight for me," he said. "That includes the one in which I finished second. After all, this is the most widely recognised major in the world."

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# Martinosky to spark quick Sandown double for Carson

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

WILLIE Carson rode his first winner on July 19, 1962 when a three-year-old colt called Pinkers Pond made all the running to land a handicap confined to apprentices over seven furlongs at Catterick.

Now, within 24 hours of the 28th anniversary of that occasion, Carson, who is still quite clearly at the top of his profession, looks poised to grab a lion's share of the spoils at Sandown this evening by landing a double on Martinosky (7.20) and Brother Ray (7.50).

When he gets the leg up on Martinosky before the Brats 0839 Special Sprint Handicap, he will be teaming up with Bill Wightman, another man who has contributed a great deal to the sport having now held a licence longer for 53 years, longer than anyone else still training.

Martinosky, who has been a resident at the Ower Farm stables near Upham in Hampshire for the past three years, is assured by the presence of Toppis Man, trained in Italy by Luigi Camici, who landed the 1988 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe with Tony Bin. Toppis Man won the valuable Cursa del Arno at Florence in April.

Engaged will both miss their intended outings to France for Sunday's Prix Robert Papin at Maisons-Laffitte.



Haggas: runs the in-form Blue Vervan at Yarmouth

typical of the inmates there in that he invariably pays his way and gives his owner a lot of fun in the process.

After running over six furlongs, seven furlongs and a mile in his last 12 races, Martinosky is now reverting to the minimum trip for the first time since he was beaten three-quarters of a length and a head by Miami Banker and

Vent De Mer over today's course and distance in April of last year.

However, judged on the way that he won over six furlongs at Brighton early this month, he clearly possesses the requisite blend of speed and stamina necessary to cope with the peculiar demands of the five-furlong shuttle at the Essex course.

Indeed, a power-packed finish similar to that which he produced last time, should be more than enough to see off Joe Sugden, Pendor Dancer, who is penalised for winning at Kempton a week ago, and Loft Boy on these terms.

Thirty minutes later, corks will pop if Carson manages to win the Champagne Henriot Baccarat Handicap on Brother Ray, wearing the colours of Albert Finney.

This improving three-year-old is cast in the same mould as the same owner's useful four-year-old Supero, who won three consecutive handicaps over seven furlongs last

season after a rather inauspicious start.

Since he beat Absolut at Salisbury three weeks ago, his victim has twice won since. So, the form has a solid ring about it and Brother Ray is preferred to Valiant Words.

Carson will also be hopeful of winning the Racepage Handicap for John Dunlop on Castle Secret, who won so nicely at Ascot last month. He has run badly on today's track in the meantime, though, and I now prefer Barrish who was an honourable second to Silver Owl at Brighton last time after winning well at Newbury.

If Llandoverly manages to complete his treble by winning the Green Welly Claiming Stakes, as well he should following victories in similar races at Chester and Catterick, he should be the second winner of the day for Michael Hills, whose mount Blue Vervan is napped to win the Come Taming Stakes at Yarmouth's afternoon meeting after showing both the requisite ability and stamina when scoring at Edinburgh last time.

At Catterick, where Prohibition is taken to get the better of Judgement Call in the Leeds Claiming Stakes, the progressive Night-Shirt can instigate a double for Mark Prescott and George Duffield by winning the Joshua Telfer Handicap. Passy Foot can complete that double by winning the Telfer Bitter Handicap an hour later.

# Dominion Gold has Gimcrack objective

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

AN INTERNATIONAL flavour was added to the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes yesterday when it was announced that Masato Shibata is to partner Assatis in Britain's most important all-aged race at Ascot on Saturday week.

This has been done on the instructions of the owner, Susumu Haraba, for whom we bought the horse from Mr Abdullah last October. Last Johnny Lewis, of the British Bloodstock Agency.

Shibata, aged 42, was champion jockey of Japan in 1988 and finished third last year. At present he is still on his career total of 1,373 winners.

Riding for Robert Armstrong, he finished unplaced in the 1988 Japan Cup on Shady Heights. And on a visit to Britain last year he was also out of the money when riding Busted Rock for Susan Pigott in the Mares Cup at York.

The only Japanese jockey who has ridden in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes is Yukio Okabe, who finished unplaced on Sirius Symbol in 1985.

Shibata's booking coincided with strong early support yesterday for Assatis, now a 16-1 chance from 25-1. The other horse well backed with Corals yesterday was Sapiencia, now 8-1 (from 10-1) after being available at 12-1 on Monday morning.

Jimmy Fitzgerald remains hopeful that either Pat Eddery or Willie Carson will be available to partner Sapiencia in the continuing firm ground made that neither Salsabil or In The Wings are certain runners yet. The Malton trainer said: "So I'm going to hang on and see what happens."

# Japanese jockey on Assatis as Sapiencia odds fall again

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

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# YARMOUTH

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Selections By Mandarin

2.15 Countess Of Poland. 2.45 Green Enterprise. 3.15 Light Hand. 3.45 Revolve. 4.15 BLUE VERNAN (nap). 4.45 La Belle Vie.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Cajun Cure. 2.45 Green Enterprise. 3.15 Light Hand. 3.45 Barkston Singer. 4.15 Blue Vervan. 4.45 KAWWAS (nap).

Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 Amara River.

Going: firm SIS

Draw: 5F-11m, high numbers best

2.15 EBF-COTMAN MAIDEN FILLES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,250: 7f) (4 runners)

1. 0408 PETER PUMPKIN 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 2. 0409 ZEPHYRUS 9 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 3. 0410 CROWN OF POLAND 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 4. 0411 GREEN ENTERPRISE 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11.

2.45 HARRISON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,574: 7f) (12)

1. 0408 PETER PUMPKIN 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 2. 0409 ZEPHYRUS 9 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 3. 0410 CROWN OF POLAND 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 4. 0411 GREEN ENTERPRISE 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: 5 Hags, 11 winners from 38 runners, 28.2%; D Wilson, 4 from 13, 30.8%; W Higgins, 5 from 28, 17.9%; Haggas, 12 from 17, 70.6%.

4.45 BATCHELDER HANDICAP (£2,658: 7f) (10)

1. 0408 PETER PUMPKIN 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 2. 0409 ZEPHYRUS 9 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 3. 0410 CROWN OF POLAND 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 4. 0411 GREEN ENTERPRISE 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11.

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# Strong British raid on Dusseldorf

IBN Bey and Artic Envoy are intended British challengers for the group one Grosser Preis der Berliner Bahn (1m 4f) at Dusseldorf on Sunday.

Mondrian, who won the race last season when he was Germany's Horse of the Year, spearheads the home defence along with this year's Deutsches Derby winner, Karloff.

Further international flavour

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# SANDOWN PARK

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6.20 Long Knives. 6.50 D'Altagan. 7.20 Martinosky. 7.50 Brother Ray. 8.20 Barrish. 8.55 Llandoverly.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.20 Tiber Flow. 6.50 Electric Rose. 7.20 Solo Berry. 7.50 —. 8.20 —. 8.55 Hintlesham Harry.

Michael Seely's selection: 7.50 BROTHER RAY (nap).

Going: good to firm Draw: 5f, high numbers best

6.20 EBF SUPERLOAN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,250: 5f) (8 runners)

1. 0408 PETER PUMPKIN 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 2. 0409 ZEPHYRUS 9 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 3. 0410 CROWN OF POLAND 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 4. 0411 GREEN ENTERPRISE 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11.

6.50 HARPERS & QUEEN HANDICAP (£4,328: 1m) (21 runners)

1. 0408 PETER PUMPKIN 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 2. 0409 ZEPHYRUS 9 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 3. 0410 CROWN OF POLAND 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11. 4. 0411 GREEN ENTERPRISE 15 (R) W Vorphey 8-11.

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## Chiappucci throws down gauntlet to world champion to retain Tour de France yellow jersey

## LeMond does 'biggest part of job'

From JOHN WILCOCKSON in LUZ-ARIDEN

A STRONG, confident Greg LeMond came within one stitch of sewing up his third Tour de France yesterday. But the man who forced the American to play his strongest card yet in a breathtaking stage through the Pyrenees was not Pedro Delgado or Erik Breukink, as expected, but the underrated Claudio Chiappucci, who saved his yellow jersey by five seconds with the bravest performance of his career.

The battle between LeMond and Chiappucci overshadowed a well-merited stage victory by Delgado's leading team-mate, Miguel Indurain, of Spain, who followed LeMond all the way up the final, giant climb to Luz-Arden, before jumping past the American 300 yards from the line.

Chiappucci, who started the day with a lead of almost two minutes on Breukink, and two minutes and 24 seconds on LeMond, decided that attack was his best form of defence. The Italian, aged 27, knew that if he stayed back with LeMond that he would almost certainly be left behind on the day's toughest climb, the Tourmalet.

Instead, Chiappucci surprised everyone by making an attack at the foot of the first, and easiest ascent, the Aspin, 47 miles from the finish.

Nine others joined the man in the yellow jersey, and by the Aspin summit, these men had 34 seconds lead on the LeMond group. After eight miles of descending, with Chiappucci setting the pace, they had pulled two minutes ahead.

Three miles from the summit of the Tourmalet the gap grew to two minutes and 10 seconds. Many a Tour de France has been won or lost on this mighty mountain pass, but it was then, with 24 miles left, that LeMond decided to take the race in his own hands. He said later: "I was expecting an attack by Delgado, but when I saw that no one was

going to chase Chiappucci, I didn't think about anything except trying to win the tour." LeMond attacked once, twice before joining ahead with Indurain and Delgado. By the 7,000-foot Tourmalet summit, where huge crowds had been gathering since early in the day, LeMond had closed to within 68 seconds of Chiappucci, and had opened up the 50-second lead on Breukink. LeMond kept up the pressure throughout the spectacular, 12-mile plunge into the distant valley, to rejoin Chiappucci's group of five, just as the final climb to Luz-Arden began.

If he had not made his unexpected move, Chiappucci would have most likely been back with Breukink at this point, one minute and 20 seconds in arrears. But showing tremendous tenacity, the Italian was now riding alongside LeMond, the world champion, with only six miles of the 133-mile stage remaining.

Complicating Chiappucci afterwards, LeMond said: "He was very strong when we caught him. But when he went to the front, I knew that he was trying to fake me out, trying to make me think he was a lot stronger."

However, LeMond did not wait much longer to ascertain his rivals' strengths. With about four miles and 2,000 feet of climbing still remaining, the American unleashed a devastating turn of speed to which only Indurain and his fellow Spaniard, Marino Lejarreta, could respond. By the top, Delgado had conceded one minute 31 seconds, Chiappucci two minutes 19 seconds and Breukink four minutes 16 seconds to LeMond.

Asked if he thought he had won the tour with this attack, the defending champion stated: "The tour's not over until we reach the Champs-Élysées on Sunday, but I did the biggest part of the job today."



Three's a crowd: LeMond, right, climbs the Tourmalet in company with Indurain and Delgado, left

## Dawes shows grit in recovery

By PETER BRYAN

SALLY Dawes, Britain's brightest hope in women's cycling, was trying to overcome her disappointment yesterday after failing to reach the semi-finals of the world junior pursuit championship at Middleborough.

She did it in the only way she knows — by training hard for her second title challenge tomorrow in the points event.

"I had a little cry last night at the disappointment of missing a medal chance by only 0.2 seconds. It was that close in my ride against Natasha den Ouden of The Netherlands," she said.

A sleepless night followed with Dawes, aged 17, from Arnold, Nottinghamshire, wondering what she had done wrong. In fact, there was nothing wrong with her ride, although head-wind finish probably blunted her speed at the end.

The need to peak four times in 12 months — in the 1989 National Track championships, where Dawes won the pursuit bronze, this year's Commonwealth Games, the present world series and the National championships at Leicester, which open on July 27 — might have contributed.

Dawes thought that it had been a demanding time. She returned from Auckland with legs that felt dead, later to discover that she had a virus with symptoms similar to glandular fever. That took a few weeks to get over but then the form started to return.

"Perhaps," she reflected, "if I hadn't gone to the Games and hadn't been ill I would have done better in the pursuit. But that's in the past now."

Her world championship programme ends on Sunday with the road race, in which she has a sporting chance unless it ends in a mass finish. "I haven't much of a sprint," she said.

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## EQUESTRIANISM

## Favourites forced to withdraw from Stockholm

By JENNY MACARTHUR

IAN Miller, the Canadian show jumper who is a dual World Cup winner, and Jan Tops, a key member of the Dutch show jumping team, have both had to withdraw from the World Equestrian Games in Stockholm, which start next Tuesday.

Miller, who would have been one of the favourites for individual honours with Big Ben, the winner of the World Cup in 1988 and 1989, sustained a severe head injury in a fall at the Calgary show ten days ago and will not be able to ride for six to eight weeks.

Tops, who finished fifth in the World Cup in Dortmund on Doreen La Silla in April, had to withdraw the mare after she injured herself at the Lusenhorst show last week, when taking off a stride too soon at a fence. His withdrawal will have a similar effect on the Dutch team as the loss of Franke Sloothak to the West German team.

Sloothak, who appeared on the late television film showing Paul Schockemöhle rapping his horses, has withdrawn from the world championships in Stockholm to show solidarity with his employer.

Schockemöhle, the biggest private horse dealer in the world, announced on Monday night that he is giving up training and selling all his horses as a result of the allegations of cruelty emanating from the film.

The decision, he said, was made because of the attention he has received from the West German media.

Sloothak, who has been replaced in the West German team by Caster Huck, with Sven Holm, who also appeared on the rapping film, are both competing in Stockholm despite the hostile reception they are likely to receive, as the film has been shown extensively in Sweden.

In April, the pair finished third in the World Cup behind John Whitaker, of Britain, and Pierre Durand, the French Olympic gold medal winner.

Schockemöhle's two other pupils, Otto Becker and Evelyn Blum, who also appear on the rapping film, are both competing in Stockholm despite the hostile reception they are likely to receive, as the film has been shown extensively in Sweden.

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## SPORT

## Norman acquires resilience and waits for luck



Sea worshiper: Trevino rejoices during practice at St Andrews yesterday. More serious matters commence for the American on the first tee at 9.45am tomorrow

By MITCHELL PLATT, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

GREG Norman is determined to demonstrate in the 119th Open Championship starting at St Andrews tomorrow that a succession of disappointments has failed to dampen his spirits.

Norman, of course, won the Open at Turnberry in 1986 but he has come so tantalisingly close in several other major championships that he is entitled to feel aggrieved.

Yet the Australian, aged 35, seems to have come to terms with being the victim of outrageous eighteenth-hole shots by his opponents. "The setbacks have made me more resilient and I feel I am a better golfer for them," Norman said. "When certain things happen on a golf course you just have to put them down to destiny."

"I'm philosophical about it. Destiny has been looking after a few other guys. My turn is coming. I'm sure there are a lot of guys around who would have loved to have been in the positions I have been, even to get beaten."

"I feel very good. My game is good. I've been working on being more consistent this year and I have high hopes for myself this week. Your desire to do whatever you want to do in the game tells you what direction to go in. I'm not planning to retire until at least the year 2000, so I've got a minimum of 37 more majors to go even after this week."

"I think this will be a very open Open unless the wind blows. But it

is the one you want to win, especially at St Andrews. It is the major of the majors. Out there on these links you've got to paint your picture before you execute the shot."

"From the eleventh hole through to the seventeenth is probably the toughest stretch of golf in the world. The sun is starting to bake it out, the greens are getting quicker and the golf course is in the best condition I've ever seen it."

Nick Faldo agreed with Norman on the condition of the Old Course and he forecast that the winner would probably need to match the 12-under-par winning score of Severiano Ballesteros at St Andrews in 1984.

"It might be green out there but it is not going to be receptive by the time we start," Faldo said. "It's back to being pretty firm now. It will be down to how the Royal and Ancient want the course to play, but if they want they could make it very tough."

"I'm excited and I want to get started. I go at the majors as hard as I can. That is what I channel all my thoughts on. I've had two good majors this season. I won the Masters and although the US Open got away from me I was pleased afterwards to know that I was in there with a chance. The key to winning them is to get into contention."

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## Morris finally given call to join England party

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Morris's international career was launched yesterday, belatedly and accidentally. Derbyshire's frustrated batsman was summoned at lunchtime to join the England party preparing at Headingley for the Texaco Trophy match with India today, because Alec Stewart had aggravated a back injury.

It is an ironic and rather unsatisfactory way for the deserving Morris to receive recognition, but many an England career owes much to someone else's misfortune. Stewart, who hurt his back on Sunday, but initially thought he was not in doubt, was arguably lucky to have remained in the party ahead of Morris anyway, having scored only two half-centuries in a generous run of seven Tests and 13 one-day games.

Stewart was last night described by the team manager, his father Micky, as "99 per cent sure" to miss the match today, but he still hoped to be available for the second game, at Trent Bridge on Friday.

Morris had been alerted to the possibility of a call-up during his county's game with the Indians at Chesterfield on

Monday. Micky Stewart, having confirmed the arrangement, explained: "He has shown consistently good form. The way he has put his game together is what we hoped would happen a couple of years ago."

It seems unlikely that Morris will make the final XI today, but he will be compensated by the knowledge that he does at last feature in England's plans when many suspected his once-career image was counting against him. Aged 26, he still evidently has time on his side, judging by the manager's comments on David Gower's return to the team at the age of 33.

Gower will bat at No. 3 today, and again in the first Test at Lord's next week, and Stewart said: "He could easily have his best batting years in front of him. England batsmen are usually at their peak from 31 up to 38."

"David prefers Test cricket, like most players, but if you have been through what he went through last year, this is a great examination. When you have played 100 Tests, you have to keep your desire going, and if we felt David's was in any serious doubt, he

would not be here now." Gower himself was in no doubt at all over what is required. "They can't keep recalling me," he admitted. "I know I have to make every opportunity count."

England are likely to go in with five batsmen and five specialist bowlers. Morris and Gladstone Small being the men omitted. India, who have an injury problem concerning Dilip Vengsarkar, will probably include at least two spin bowlers, as is now their custom in one-day cricket, and will give a big match crowd in England a first view of their 17-year-old batting prodigy, Sachin Tendulkar.

But, with the three-Test series to come, this is very much a preliminary joust for the two teams, and it could be said there is more at stake for the Yorkshire club, whose right to stage international cricket is increasingly being questioned.

A series of poor pitches has already cost Headingley its automatic Test match, and it is not hosting any of this summer's six games. By compensation, Yorkshire were awarded two Texaco Trophy matches, but now

their problem has switched from the pitch to the crowd, or rather the lack of it.

Only £170,000 was taken when New Zealand played here in May and the ground was depressingly half-empty for the season's first international fixture. If there are many empty seats today, for a game which other grounds could easily sell out, Yorkshire will be under renewed pressure to explain why its public appears indifferent to international cricket.

● Morris expressed a mixture of relief and delight at his England call (the Press Association reports). "The disappointment of not being selected recently was quite severe, but I got over that and got stuck into playing the way I had been," he said. "This is wonderful news."

Morris, who played for Derbyshire against the Indians, also had high praise for Tendulkar's innings of 105 not out in that game: "It was one of the finest knocks I have ever seen from a 17-year-old. It was like the reincarnation of Gavaskar."

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## Profit at Goodwill Games is unlikely

SEATTLE (AFP) — The second Goodwill Games, which start here on Friday, are likely to prove a spectacular financial flop despite frantic last-minute efforts to sell tickets and attract media attention.

Although the Games can boast the presence of many of the world's leading athletes, organisers have not sold all of the 1.1 million tickets necessary just to break even.

TBS, the cable television network that will broadcast the Games, is expecting to have to stand a loss of about £8 million, although that figure is still an improvement on the inaugural Games in Moscow in 1986.

The original purpose of the Games — to promote friendly competition between East and West — has been overtaken by events and seems somewhat outdated and unnecessary after the collapse of successive regimes in eastern Europe.

In addition, for the second time, the Games follow in the wake of the World Cup football finals, the world's biggest single-sport event.

Putting aside the economics and politics, the Goodwill Games promise to provide compelling competition in 21 different events over 17 days.

"I would say, next to the Olympics, it's the best field that has ever been assembled in multi-sport competition," Jim Sheldon, vice-president of the Goodwill Games, said.

Swimming and track and field will dominate the first week, along with men's basketball, baseball and gymnastics in a new all-finals format.

Matt Biondi, the 1988 Olympic champion, will try to reclaim the world record in the 50 metres freestyle from Tom Jager, who timed 21.8sec in Nashville, Tennessee, last March.

Sergei Bubka, the Soviet pole vaulter who is the Olympic champion and world record-holder, will not compete in the Games because of a back ailment, officials have said.

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## Jordan's refusal forces Villa to resume search

By CHRIS MOORE

JOE Jordan, the Bristol City manager, yesterday dashed Aston Villa's hopes of appointing an immediate replacement for Graham Taylor by turning down the chance of taking over from the new England manager at Villa Park.

Jordan, the former Manchester United and Scottish international forward, revealed he had first discussed the job with Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, while on holiday in Italy during the World Cup finals. But he ruled himself out of the reckoning by confirming he was to accept a new three-year contract at Ashton Gate.

"I had a long discussion with Mr Ellis and his son, in Rome, where we spent a very enjoyable day together," Jordan said. He revealed that the meeting took place in the full knowledge and with the backing of the Bristol City board of directors.

"When I arrived back home on Monday night, Mr Ellis informed me I was the favourite for the job. He asked me if I would talk the matter over further with another of his directors."

"I was very impressed with everything about Villa and what they have to offer after finishing runners-up in the first division last season and now with a place in Europe ahead of them."

"But subject to certain conditions, I had agreed a new three-year contract with the Bristol City directors before I went away, and had promised to clarify my position as soon as I returned."

"I have worked hard and made progress with the club for the last three years and I wanted to be able to continue going in the same direction. Having started the job here I want to see it through, which is the reason I turned Villa down. It has nothing to do with them. It was done for Bristol City."

"I obviously gave the situation a great deal of thought. Actually it ruined my holiday having it on my mind all the time. It's not the sort of opportunity that crops up every day. But I had given my word to Bristol City and I always try to keep promises. "I am a very ambitious person and I want to manage the biggest club possible. But at

the moment my ambition is for that big club to be Bristol City. Villa are the sort of club we are striving to become. But there are no short cuts and I realise it will take time."

Jordan's withdrawal as the only leading candidate, not actually under contract, has thrown the race to succeed Taylor wide open again, and leaves Ellis with little prospect now of being able to make a prompt appointment.

"The situation remains that we want the best manager we can possibly appoint," Ellis said last night. "We have no interviews arranged but are hoping to be given permission on Thursday to talk to one of the candidates we have in mind."

"We have a procedure to go through and there are three directors involved in conducting the negotiations."

It is looking increasingly likely, however, that Taylor's departure could well signal the start of a bitter struggle for his successor. Arthur Cox, who signed a four-year contract with Derby County last season, and David Platt, of Leicester City, were thought to be next in line after Jordan.

## Brennan for Maine Road

By IAN ROSS

MANCHESTER City's rebuilding programme continued yesterday when Mark Brennan, the Middlesbrough midfielder, agreed to join the club in a £500,000 deal.

Brennan, a former England under-21 international, becomes the ninth player to sign for City since Howard Kendall succeeded Mel Machin as the manager at Maine Road in December of last year.

Kendall has now spent in excess of £4million on new talent but that figure is offset by the £3million he has collected following the departure of ten players since the turn of the year.

Only last week, City paid Watford £1million for goalkeeper Tony Cotton and sold Andy Hinchcliffe to Everton in a £900,000 package deal which saw Neil Pointon move from Goodison Park to Maine Road.

Kendall admitted that he

had been monitoring Brennan's progress for more than eight years and that he attempted to sign him in 1982 when he was manager of Blackburn Rovers.

"I have long admired his style of play and I am confident that he will prove to be a most valuable addition to my senior squad," he said.

Brennan, aged 24, made more than 200 appearances for Ipswich Town before joining Middlesbrough for £375,000 in 1988.

Leeds United were told yesterday that they must pay Leicester City £1million for mid-field player Gary McAllister. A Football League tribunal made this decision after both clubs had failed to agree on a fee after the transfer had taken place in June. The tribunal also ruled that Keith Dublin's value to Watford, after signing from Brighton

was £275,000.

● Sunderland have signed Peter Davenport from Middlesbrough for about £300,000.

● The future of the fourth division club, Scarborough, is threatened after yesterday's decision by planners to refuse permission for a supermarket to be built on the club's Seamer Road ground to finance its £4 million new stadium.

● The Football Association has refused Everton permission to take part in next month's Feyenoord tournament in Rotterdam. "We have been told that we cannot take part because of the existing ban on pre-season visits to the Low Countries and Spanish holiday resorts even though UEFA has now allowed English clubs back into Europe," Jim Greenwood, the chief executive of Everton, said.

## LeMond poised to take third title

LUZ-ARDIDEN (Reuters) — Greg LeMond has yet to win a stage in this year's Tour de France or wear the race leader's yellow jersey. But no one seriously doubts that the American master tactician will take his third title when the world's greatest cycle race ends in Paris on Sunday.

The Californian was in the perfect position, just five seconds behind Claudio Chiappucci, of Italy, the surprise leader, after a virtuoso performance on the tough 16th stage in the Pyrenees yesterday. Virtually destroying his main rivals Pedro Delgado, of Spain, and Eric Breukink, of the Netherlands, LeMond had only one real problem — with the remarkably resilient Italian, who pluckily resisted the American's assault.

"He was much better than I expected," LeMond confessed afterwards. "Today was his focus, the race of his life. It was all or nothing for him. His tactics were great. I have to congratulate him. He's a really good rider."

Chiappucci had been stung by LeMond's remarks that his days as wearer of the yellow jersey were numbered. "I wanted to show Greg was wrong," he said. "I knew I could do well and I wanted to show I deserved the yellow jersey. It wasn't just luck."

LeMond, asked how he managed to come back after a virus problem early in the season, said: "It's difficult to get in condition but once I'm there, I don't lose it."

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## Opinion divided as Schockemöhle takes the rap

By JENNY MACARTHUR

THE issue of rapping, which on Monday brought about the spectacular end of Paul Schockemöhle's equestrian career and which is likely to permeate the World Equestrian Games in Stockholm next week, is as complex as it is controversial.

The practice, which is banned under the rules of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) but allowed under national rules in the United States, involves hitting a horse on the legs with a pole to make it jump higher. It is a practice which has been in use ever since horses started to jump competitively.

In the wrong hands, rapping is cruel and it can harm a horse physically and mentally. But there are trainers who claim that, in the hands of an expert, a light bamboo pole applied at the appropriate moment can help sharpen up a horse to produce his best form for a competition.

States, the winner of the individual silver medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and a respected trainer, is unequivocal in his support for the practice of using a light bamboo pole to rap a horse.

Writing in the current issue of *L'Année Hippique*, the equestrian yearbook, Homfeld said: "Since the rule in place is virtually impossible to enforce, allowing the practice of using the bamboo seems a much more honest and humane approach when compared to the alternative of sneaking around in the middle of the night so you can rap your horse with a jump pole or building enormous jumps and intentionally under-riding or over-riding them so the horse crashes into the rails..."

In Europe, where there is a heightened sense of animal welfare, the idea is anathema to the general public, as Schockemöhle found to his cost. David Broome, the president of the International Riders' Club, said there would be "a

public outcry" if the practice was ever to be officially condoned. Asked how widespread he thought it was, he replied: "You don't see it."

This is largely due to the measures taken by the FEI under the presidency of the Princess Royal, Stricter stable security, increased patrolling of the practice areas at international shows and the threat of long suspensions have virtually stopped the attempts to sneak around in the middle of the night. Max Amman, of the FEI, can not recall a rider being found guilty of rapping a horse at an international show in the last five years.

The extent of rapping in private yards, which are outside the jurisdiction of the FEI, can never be fully known, at least not without the help of secretly made video tapes like the one which brought about the downfall of Schockemöhle. The Princess Royal, in an article on the subject six months ago, said: "The evidence would suggest that only a relatively

small number of horses are being deliberately mistreated."

That is also the view of Volvo, the sport's largest sponsor, which puts about £2 million into equestrianism annually. There had been fears that the company, which is the main sponsor of the World Equestrian Games, might withdraw its support in the wake of the Schockemöhle allegations.

Speaking yesterday from Stockholm, Ulf Bergqvist, the director of equestrian sports for Volvo, said: "We have been in the sport a very long time and know that it is basically sound and that 99 per cent of people in the sport take good care of their horses. We have been following the Schockemöhle case carefully and we feel that the West German federation and the FEI have the situation well under control."

Allegations of rapping will no doubt occur again, but the strength and fury of public opinion which

greeted the latest revelations will play a part in deterring such abuses.

The main weapon against rapping, however, is the performance of the horse. Rapping can only improve a performance in the short term. The more that riders witness horses such as Henderson Milton achieving his noble feats without recourse to such devices, the less need there will be to resort to such methods.

In a discussion on the subject in the magazine, *Horse and Hound*, last year, a top international rider said: "I'm no supporter of the method of taking a bar in your hand and hitting the horse with it on the legs. In the long term you would not be successful that way, either, because horses are not that stupid. If I do it a second or third time, they won't go where there's a man standing next to the jump raising the bar." The speaker was Paul Schockemöhle.